

Site C Culture and Heritage Resources Committee progress

The Culture and Heritage Resources Committee (CHRC) brings together members from B.C. and Alberta communities impacted by the Site C project to advise on the management of adverse effects on cultural resources. Members of the committee oversee and develop initiatives to commemorate key cultural sites in the Peace River Valley.

Here is a recap of what was discussed at the meeting on November 18, 2020.

Initiative	Why we're doing it	Discussion	Next steps and actions
 <p>Traveling exhibit</p>	To share our collective history and cultures with our communities through visuals and artifacts.	Update on initial launch of the exhibit at MNBC including overview of logistics required for delivery and set up. MNBC shared feedback on their experience hosting the exhibit.	BCH will work with each community to select dates for hosting the exhibit and confirm other custom needs for delivery.
 <p>Videos</p>	To share our own words with communities and the public on who we are, where we've been, where we are now and where we're going together.	Latest version of videos sent to communities for review and comment. Feedback on historical representation within the video and discussion on collaboration and developing additional training/education documents to accompany the video and other CHRC completed projects.	Work through comments received on video and consider further edits. BCH to draft one page strategy for sharing projects and information with internal and external audiences. Discuss teaching guide to accompany/support CHRC projects at a future meeting.
 <p>BCH Indigenous Awareness Training</p>	To build cultural awareness and orientation of the work-force in the Peace Region.	BCH presented overview of training delivered to BCH employees, including historical events and legislation that impacted Indigenous Peoples, personal stories and BCH's approach to building relationships. Feedback on the benefits of this training and suggestions that it be mandatory for all employees.	BCH to look for opportunities to include local content in future training courses and explore requirements to make the training mandatory for Site C employees.
 <p>Heritage resources update</p>	To advise the committee of the on-going work of the heritage program.	Update on 2020 archaeological field season. Discussion on finds from Farrell Creek East, Halfway River and Rocky Mountain Portage House sites, feedback on what artifacts may have been and on dating additional artifacts.	BCH to share artifact photos and proceed with dating artifacts found at Rocky Mountain Portage House. Please note the Farrell Creek East arch site HaRj-21 reports can now be found at this link on our extranet site.
 <p>Other initiatives</p>		Reminder for reps to think about the future strategy and structure of CHRC going forward.	BCH will continue to contact each CHRC rep for ideas to be discussed at next meeting.

Next meeting date: January 19, 2021

Questions?

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