

John Hart Generating Station Replacement Project

September 2013 Community Construction Update Report #5

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Overview

BC Hydro received technical and financial submissions at the beginning of September. We are currently reviewing those final submissions and will publicly announce the preferred John Hart contractor once the evaluation process is complete. BC Hydro and the contractor will then enter a period of final negotiations until the contract is signed later in the fall.

BC Hydro plans to have all the John Hart early site preparation works completed by November 2013.

Construction Activities – Woodstave Rd Works FOR GENERATIONS

Woodstave Road Works: a new access road, parking lot and trail to the Elk Falls Provincial Park. (Brewster Lake Road across John Hart Dam may be closed for up three years.)

- The interpretive centre building was delivered to the site. Working on finishing touches;
- Painting of parking lot traffic lines complete;
- Tree and shrub plantings have begun;
- Work also began on the trail leading from the parking lot to the Elk Falls Provincial Park; and
- Anticipate public opening of these facilities around the end of October.

Construction Photos – Woodstave Rd Works



Final touch ups with landscaping, kiosk, garbage and toilet installations.

Construction Photos – Woodstave Rd Works



Preparing the John Hart Project Interpretive Centre.

Construction Photos – Woodstave Rd Works



View of parking lot courtesy of our transmission vegetation maintenance crew (thanks to Ray Read). The John Hart pipelines are in the background.

Construction Photos – Woodstave Rd Works



BC Hydro Construction Officer Tom Veary. Trail construction from the parking lot to Elk Falls Provincial Park.

Completion – Station View Trail

The trail was completed and successfully opened on August 30. Minor works such as signage and cross-walk painting was completed in September.



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BC Hydro opens new trail section

BC Hydro has just opened up a new section of trail to the Canyon View Trail passing through Hydro John Hart property. The public reaction has been glowing.

"I applaud BC Hydro, BC Parks, BC Hydro's Recreation Advisory Committee and everyone involved in the vision and construction of the Station View Trail."



Photo courtesy BC Hydro
Members of the community planning committee and BC Hydro staff take a break during their opening walk of a new section of the Canyon View Trail.

said Tom Miller. "It was easy to see the time and thoughtful effort that went into the planning. It is wonderful to drive again walk through the lush forested hillside. This is a wonderful asset to Campbell River trail system. Kudos to everyone involved in bringing this to fruition."

BC Hydro spokesperson Stephen Watson said a lot of work went into the design and construction of the new Station View Trail that attaches to the Canyon View Trail.

"We opened it up Friday and had a grand opening event with the people with in this community who worked with us through the comprehensive community engagement process," said Watson. "It was done to say thank you for the role in having it created. That's the view of the trail provided us with some wonderful feedback. We were very pleased and proud of the feedback, and BC Hydro hopes the wider community be the same way!"

Sheila Bennett of the Station View Trail Club agrees.

"The Station View Trail branches off the Canyon View Trail and instead of straying, the existing loop it adds to many of the best features in its relatively short length," he said.



"As the time progressed I especially noticed the nicely switch-backed hill to get the heart pumping, a stump out in half the tree growing through a bridge railing and the boardwalk over the wetlands. After you stop to look for wildlife around the ponds you move on to the viewing area with sign lookouts and benches for a breather and take time to appreciate the exact overall view."

"All in all a great job leaves the steep terrain and keeping the Canyon View Trail system open as much as possible during the rebuild of the John Hart Generating Station."

The Station View Trail and Canyon View Trail will both remain open through BC Hydro property until the public parking lot and trail are through the generating station is closed off its construction this winter. The bypass trail will allow the boardwalk Canyon View Trail loop for the five years of construction. This is the first set of work completed and a major milestone for the billion dollar John Hart Generating Station Replacement Project.

BC Hydro plans to decommission the bypass trail once the project is finished and the Canyon View Trail is restored back along or near the Campbell River.

"With this new trail section people will get a closer look and better understanding of how BC Hydro operates," said Watson.

"The attention to detail creates a very enjoyable walk with a great view of the project site," said Laurie Bennett of the Rotary Club.

Completion Photos – Station View Trail



Completed trail.

Completion Photos – Station View Trail



Trail use.

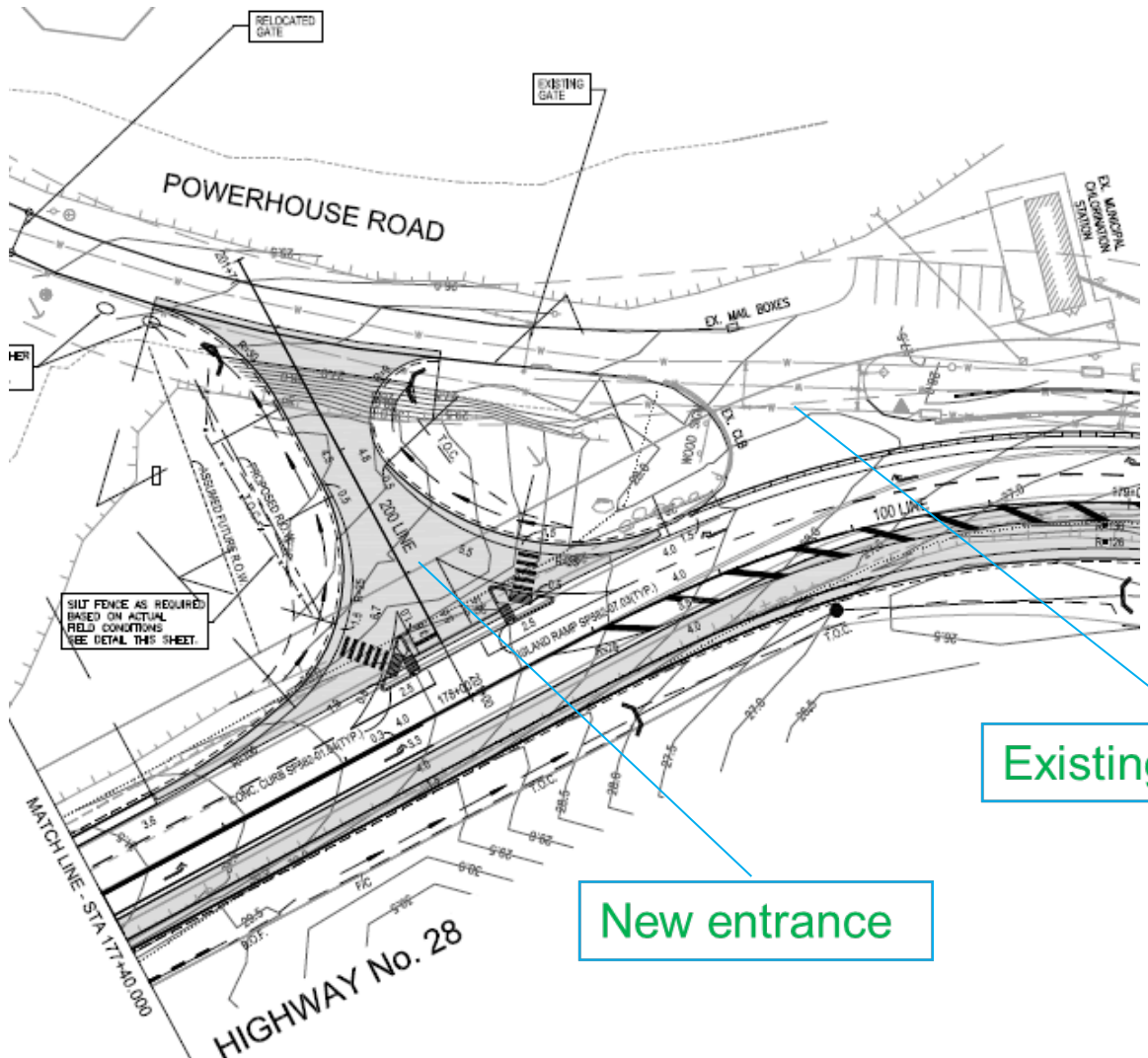
Completion Photos – Station View Trail



Look out area – grand opening event on August 30.

Construction Activities – Powerhouse Road

Powerhouse Road entrance changes: The existing access road into John Hart will be moved and modified for better vehicle safety..



Existing entrance

New entrance

Construction Photos – Powerhouse Road



Earthworks.

Construction Photos – Powerhouse Road



Earthworks on the future access road into John Hart.

Construction Photos – Powerhouse Road



Work on the south side of Highway 28. This month all the earthworks to clear the site were completed. Work has now begun to build up the road areas with fill material.

Construction Photos – Powerhouse Road



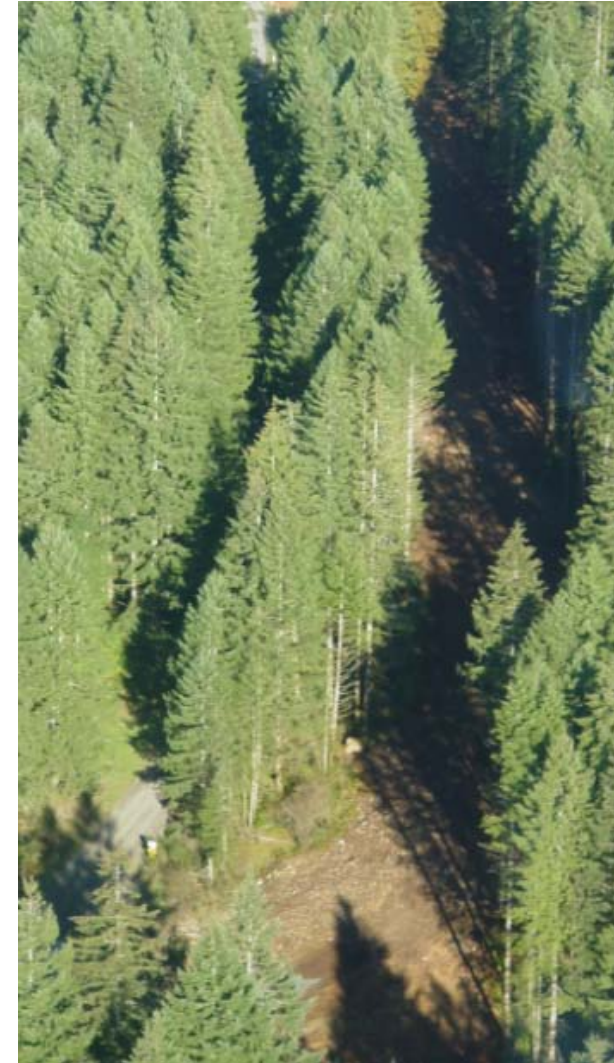
Intersection work.

Construction Activities – Surge Tower Road

Surge Tower Road: Replace single-lane road with two-lane road for construction access..



Surge Tower Road off Highway 28. Limited work was done this month.



Construction Activities – Temporary Staff Office

John Hart staff moving to Campbell River Common: During the approximate five-year John Hart construction period, about 50 John Hart staff will be moved temporarily off-site. The office move is anticipated to happen this fall.



Construction Photos – Temporary Staff Office



Modifications and upgrades to the leased spaced.



Construction People Profile – Bruce Loewen

About Bruce:

- **Background:**

Started working for BC Hydro in 1979. Has worked on a wide variety of construction projects including building a new dam and spillway at Comox Lake Reservoir, to re-building snow and landslide damaged towers that carry the 500,000 volt power lines to Vancouver Island.

- **Home:**

Born in Port Alberni and considers himself an Islander. He has lived in Nanaimo for the last 22 years.

- **Hobbies:**

Cruising along the Gulf Islands with his wife. He also likes tinkering with an old motorcycle – way more tinkering than riding!

- **Construction site responsibility:**

Construction Manager for the John Hart project early site works. This includes design of the various modifications to the site infrastructure and managing the implementation by local contractors. BC Hydro has a keen sense of responsibility to safety and Bruce is proud that we have carried out the work to date with no lost time accidents.

- **Favourite aspect of the job:**

“We have worked hard to ensure our environmental footprint is minimized to the best extent possible. The great reviews of the new Station View Trail by the hiking public has been very satisfying. The new parking lot and connecting trail to Elk Falls will be a lasting legacy of the John Hart project.”



Construction – Point of Interest

Each month, BC Hydro will provide a construction fact, occurrence, or situation.

In September, BC Hydro contractors were working at the John Hart site, Campbell River Common and, independent of this project, the new field office building at Quinsam Crossing. That's about 100 construction jobs taking place within the Campbell River community.