

Ladore Spillway Seismic Upgrade Project – Community Construction Report #9

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Project status and schedule

- Safety: About 100 people working at the site. As of July 31, our Aecon EBC Ladore General Partnership contractor has had 295,135 hours of work without a lost time incident.
- Ongoing work on the two control buildings, two back-up power supply buildings, two fuel tanks for the back-up power supply units, and duct bank work connecting the various new buildings to the new spillway gate works.
- Ongoing replacement work of Spillway Gate 3. To be in-service in early 2027.
- Ongoing drilling of steel anchors through the concrete dam into the bedrock for better seismic resiliency.

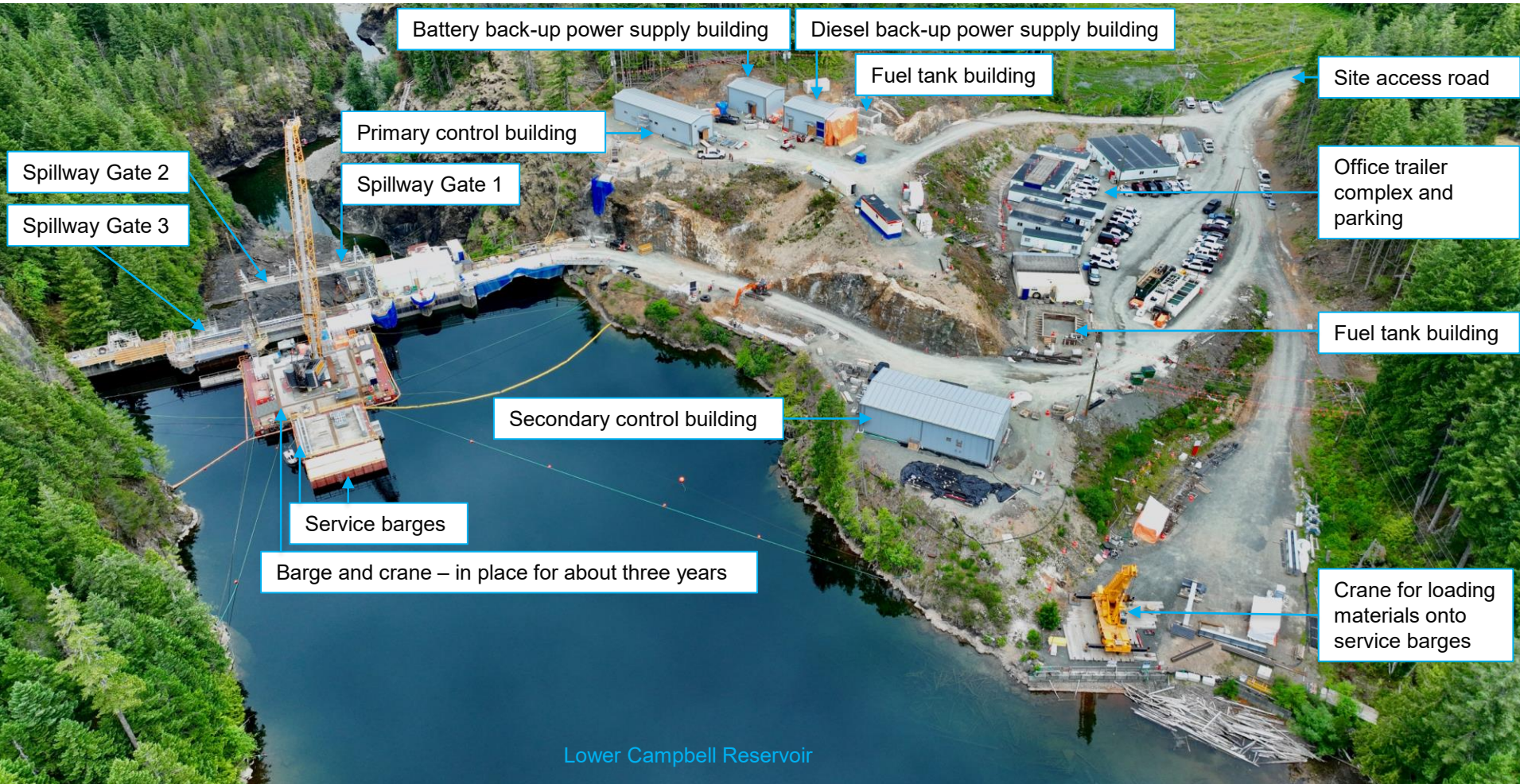


August 6: Ladore Dam construction site.



The Ladore project site map

Photo: June 15



Lower Campbell Reservoir

Construction photos: Ladore Dam

July 9: Placing conduit for the cables to connect the secondary control building, in the background, to the spillway gate works.



Construction photos: Ladore Dam

July 9: Another angle of the conduit placement work.



Construction photos: Ladore Dam

July 15: Ladore Dam and the placed concrete, in the foreground, over the conduits.



Construction photos: Ladore Dam

July 14: View from the time lapse camera.



Construction photos: Ladore Dam

July 15: Ongoing work on the spillway gate works.



Construction photos: Ladore Dam

July 15: Primary control building on left and back-up power supply buildings on right.



Construction photos: Ladore Dam

July 15: Ongoing progress on the secondary control building.



Construction photos: safety meeting

August 6: Placing a connection line from the diesel tank building to the secondary control building.



Construction photos: Ladore Dam

August 6: Progression of the spillway gate replacement works.



Construction photos: Ladore Dam

August 6: Vantage from the far side of the dam of the work area.



Construction photos: Mclvor Lake

August 6: Mclvor Lake, an extension of Lower Campbell Reservoir, is a big attraction for the community and tourists. Large project deliveries are done during non-peak recreation times. The project also has no reservoir water level requirements during construction.



Construction photos: Campbell River

August 13: Pink salmon fishery is underway with over a hundred fishers on the river. BC Hydro provides minimum fish habitat flows. Reliability of the spillway gates at all three dams is critical for ongoing water management, from fish flows to flood risk management.



Construction photos: Ladore Dam

August 13: Wider view of the work activities at the dam.



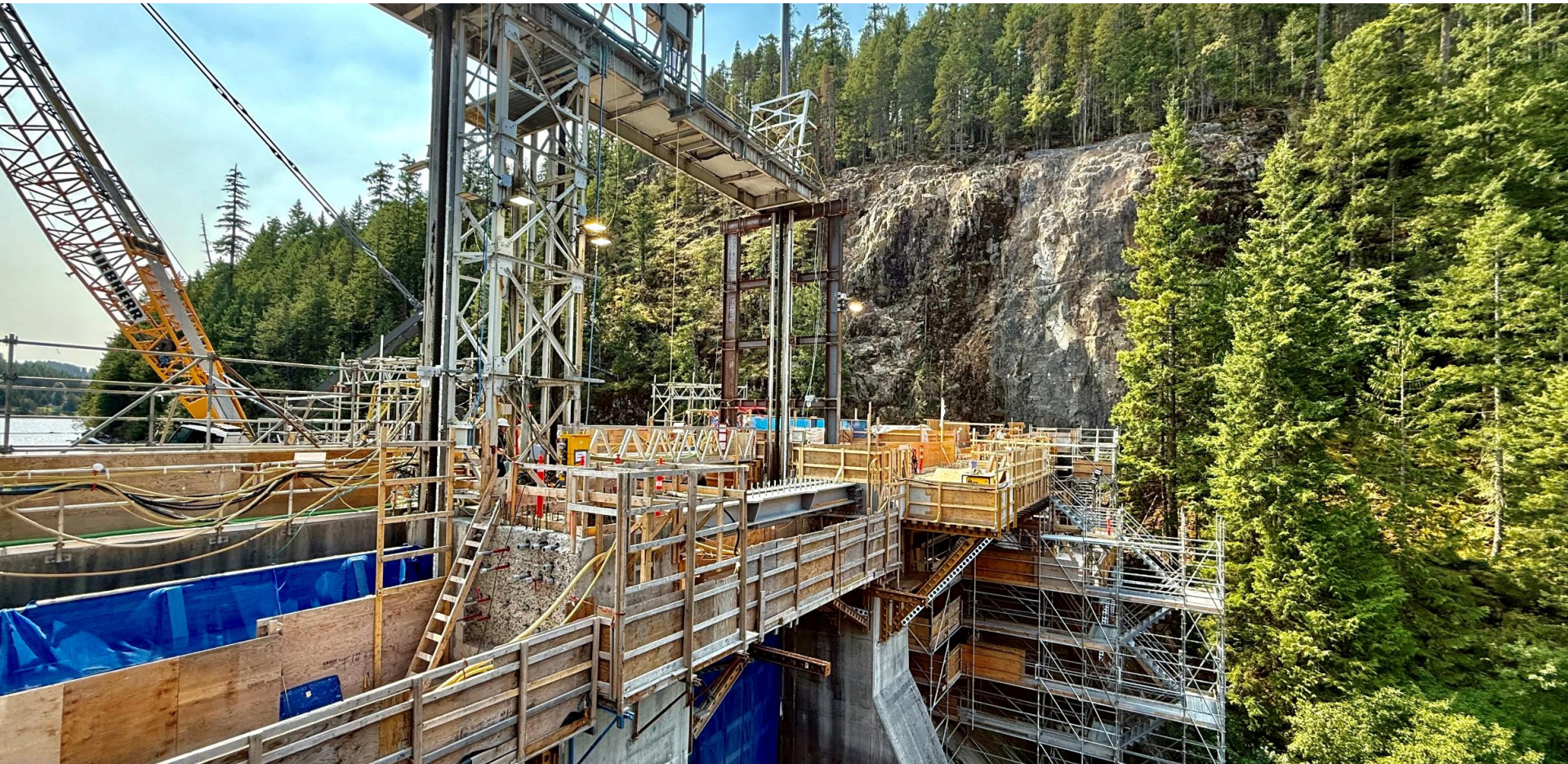
Construction photos: Ladore Dam

August 13: Delivery of three sections of the new spillway gate. On left, more steel anchors to be installed.



Construction photos: Ladore Dam

August 13: Ongoing progression of the work on the spillway gates.



Construction photos: Ladore Dam

August 13: Cutting out a trench section along the top of the dam to connect conduits from the primary and secondary control buildings.



Construction photos: Ladore Dam

August 13: Work of the diesel fuel supply building. Secondary control building in the background.



Construction photos: Ladore Dam

August 13: More deliveries of pre-fabricated material for the new spillway gate infrastructure.



People profile – Sylvia Zavitz

Background:

Sylvia grew up in Ontario, playing softball and hockey competitively, from an early age. After high school she went to Michigan to pursue education and a career as a Registered Nurse. She left health care in 2001 to become a commercial driver, transporting people around in a Niagara-on-the-Lake transit bus, and in a variety of limousines. Sylvia joined Securiguard in 2025.

Home:

In February 2021, after Googling ‘what is the warmest climate in Canada’ and being informed ‘the east coast of Vancouver Island’, Sylvia and her wife moved to Campbell River.

Hobbies:

When not working, her family enjoys hiking and camping in ‘Daisy’, their lovingly nicknamed camper van.

Project responsibilities:

Sylvia provides a security role, as part of the Securiguard team at the road gate at the end of McIvor Lake Road. She monitors access to all site staff and deliveries. She recently transitioned from full-time to part-time.

“I’ve enjoyed many of my interactions with workers and the public and the residents who live beyond the gate. I wave to every driver. Some are still too cool to wave and beep their horn instead. Security is an important role and so far it has been a good experience.”

