

Waneta Expansion Project Update – May 17, 2012

- On May 11, all workers celebrated North American Occupational Safety and Health Week. The project injury rate is approximately ten times lower than the industry standard
- The 2011 Socio-Economic Monitoring Report is available at www.columbiapower.org/SEM2011. The report shows economic and employment benefits to the region and an extraordinary safety record.
- The viewing area across Highway 22A has reopened so the public can safely watch construction and view interpretive signage about the project.
- The project is currently on schedule and the owners are pleased with the progress to date.
- Major construction activities include concrete work in the tunnels and continued form and concrete work in the powerhouse area. Placement of draft tube forms in the powerhouse area is nearing completion.
- An additional tower crane has been erected in the powerhouse area and is now assisting the construction activities.
- To date, local spending on goods and services exceeds \$88 million.
- The project is focused on a high standard of safety, quality and environmental protection. To date, the project has not had a major environmental incident.
- On May 15, Columbia Hydro Constructors (CHC) reported 257 enrolled workers. Of those, 83% are local (within 100 km). Equity workers currently make up 11% of the CHC workforce.
- The next Community Impact Management Committee (CIMC) meeting is scheduled for May 22 and will include a tour of the project. The CIMC, which includes members of government, business, community and residential interest groups, will meet once a month throughout the construction of the project to provide a means for members to bring forward community interests and other feedback regarding the project.
- Blasting will no longer affect traffic on Highway 22A. No delays are expected until the final stages of the project.
- Trades-related inquiries can be made by calling Columbia Hydro Constructors at 250-304-6250. To apply for trades-related positions, please email chcgeneral@bchydro.com. Applications for engineering and management positions can be emailed to SNC-Lavalin at angie.sherbinin@snclavalin.com.
- The Waneta-Nelway Road between Hwy 22A and the 7 Mile Road has been closed for the duration of construction of the Waneta Expansion Project. The road will be reopened in a timely manner in the case of an emergency that closes 7 Mile Dam Road. Access will be maintained to the Waneta Cemetery. For further information contact SNC-Lavalin at 250-364-5656 ext 225.