

Indigenous Engagement Plan (IEP) Construction Memo

TO:	City of Merritt	REPORT DATE:	2026-04-10
PROJECT:	Merritt Middlesboro to Houston Offsetting Project	CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATOR:	Evan Andjelic, P.Eng Water Resources Engineer
LOCATION:	Middlesboro to Houston, Merritt BC	WORKFORCE:	4

Project Overview

The Middlesboro to Houston Offsetting Project entails habitat enhancement works including the implementation of environmental control measures, gravel bar staking, beaver exclusion fencing, and back channel enhancement. Additionally, the scope includes the removal and disposal of a bridge abutment. All work is planned to be completed "in the dry" with no instream work, adhering to the project's Environmental Management Plan.

1. Environmental Update

- 1.1 April 6 – April 10 - No in-stream work has taken place to date. Elevation Technical Services has an Environmental Monitor onsite for all works occurring near the water. RSI has completed all gravel bar staking (4 defined areas, approximately 6,897 stakes), 50 beaver fence mitigation locations to protect select mature trees/tree clusters, removed the contaminated (kerosene) timbers from the old bridge abutment, and excavated a back channel to improve hydraulic connectivity to an existing wetland feature. All access trails where vegetation was disturbed, including the bank that replaces the old bridge abutment, have been planted with native plants. Water quality monitoring continued throughout all this work when needed.
- 1.2 April 13- Planting and access restoration work will continue at the beginning of the week but work on Project will likely be complete in the middle of the week.

2. Heritage Update

- 2.1 April 6 – April 7 - The cultural monitor is working between the Fir Ave. and Middlesboro to Houston Offsetting projects based on activities taking place and ground disturbance activities. A Chance Find Procedure is in place for all work being carried out.
- 2.2 April 8 – April 10 - No Cultural Monitors from the Scw'exmx Tribal Council were available for these dates. Permission to continue the planned work was obtained. Crews remain extra vigilant during this time, and chance find procedures are still in place.
- 2.2 April 13- Being that the work will be limited to riparian planting and no excavation works will be carried out monitoring will not be required.

3. Construction Update

- 3.1 April 6 – April 10 - RSI have completed all proposed works which include gravel bar staking in 4 separate defined areas (approximately 6,897 stakes), old bridge abutment removal, beaver mitigation measures, and back-channel construction.

4. Schedule Update

4.1 Upcoming Months – RSI is expected to complete the work early next week and they will complete stake and vegetation watering as prescribed by the qualified environmental professional during the drier months to ensure plants survive.

5. Project Contacts

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6. Project Photos





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