

Indigenous Engagement Plan (IEP)

Project Weekly Construction Update Memo

TO:	City of Merritt	REPORT DATE:	Friday, July 26, 2024
PROJECT:	RECOVE23-28B – C-EPA North Dike Construction	SITE MANAGER:	Darcy Schenkeveld - Superintendent
LOCATION:	1298 Coldwater Ave, Merritt BC	WORKFORCE:	8

Project Overview

The Project is to construct a 300 meter long flood protection dike along the bank of the Coldwater River. Initial activities will include site establishment, stream isolation to prevent sediment from entering the stream and for protection of in stream wildlife, Tree falling and Shrub Removals. Following this work, granular materials and Rip Rap will be placed along the bank of the River. Once complete construction of the dike will begin. Additional Rip Rap will be placed to protect the structure with a gravel walkway being constructed on top of the dike to re-establish public use of the area.

1. Environmental Update

The environmental monitor has been on site to complete an overall sweep of the limits of construction. Several active bird nests have been identified and the appropriate buffers have been set in place to ensure safety of the habitat. Construction can proceed with the care given to the buffer zones until the birds have fledged. The initial steps of the instream works have started with the layout being completed for the isolation works. Installation of the isolation curtain has begun with lock blocks being placed under the supervision of a Qualified Environmental Monitor (QEM). This work will be followed by the fish salvage within the isolated zone and is anticipated to start on Monday, July 29th. Heavy rain has been experienced on site and the erosion and sediment control (ESC) measures are functioning as intended.

2. Heritage Update

2.1 A Cultural Monitor is being arranged by the City of Merritt and has been present on site as the work is beginning.

3. Construction Update

- 3.1 Clearing and grubbing has begun in conjunction with the river isolation. will proceed to prep the site for the construction of the new dike starting August 7th. Once complete works will begin to install Rip Rap along the bank. These works will be completed under the Supervision of a Qualified Environmental Monitor to ensure the safety of the environment while work is completed near the river. Rip Rap installation is planned to start approximately August 13th.
- 3.2 Upcoming activities for the next week are the continuation of the isolation curtain installation, beginning the fish salvage once the isolation is complete and completion of tree removal and clearing to the greatest extent possible while respecting the buffer zones that are in place for the nests that have been observed.

4. Schedule Update

4.1 The schedule is on track with the installation of the isolation curtain to be complete within the appropriate window of July 22nd – August 1st.

5. Project Photos



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