

## Indigenous Engagement Plan (IEP)

# Project Weekly Construction Update Memo

<b>TO:</b>	City of Merritt	<b>REPORT DATE:</b>	Friday, August 09, 2024
<b>PROJECT:</b>	RECOVE23-28B – C-EPA North Dike Construction	<b>SITE MANAGER:</b>	Darcy Schenkeveld - Superintendent
<b>LOCATION:</b>	1298 Coldwater Ave, Merritt BC	<b>WORKFORCE:</b>	12

### 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 Qualified Environmental Professional has been on site for the duration of the installation of the isolation curtain and clearing activities. No issues on site from an Environmental perspective. Bird nests were monitored and remained active. Fish

- 1.1 Salvage is ongoing as areas of the isolation are proving challenging to keep clear. Salvage to date has gone well with water temperatures being monitored closely. As construction activities begin along the bank of the river, salvage crews will be actively working ahead of the equipment to ensure fish are not being harmed or impacted negatively during these efforts.

### 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 proceeding. .

### 3. Construction Update

- 3.1 River isolation is complete with ongoing fish salvage efforts occurring.
- 3.2 Clearing activities are complete on site with the exception of the North end where bird nesting is active.
- 3.3 Bank excavation has begun at STN 0+310 to STN 0+250 with Rip Rap placement to follow closely behind.

### 4. Schedule Update

- 4.1 Overall construction schedule is on track with bank excavation and Rip Rap placement under way as planned.

## 5. Project Photos



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