

Indigenous Engagement Plan (IEP) Project Pre-Construction Update Memo

TO:	City of Merritt	REPORT DATE:	January 8, 2026
PROJECT:	Merritt Fir Avenue Coldwater River Bank Stabilization	Project Manager:	Paul Hague
LOCATION:	Coldwater River Left Bank below Fir Avenue, Merritt BC	WORKFORCE:	N/A

Project Overview

The Fir Avenue Bank Stabilization Project focuses on protecting and stabilizing the Coldwater River's Left Bank below Fir Avenue to ensure environmental habitat sustainability, reduce property loss, and prevent continued degradation. The scope includes channel widening, the removal of Type D material, and the installation of robust Class 500kg riprap and bioengineered solutions like large woody debris structures and engineered root wad clusters. The project will also feature riparian planting and live staking to restore the natural habitat.

The project was awarded to Rock Solid Industries (RSI) and the project is currently being initiated.

1. Environmental Plan

Current Month – The Environmental Development Plan (EMP) was developed and will form the basis of the Contracts

- 1.1 Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP). CEMP is required before any construction work can proceed. The WSA Sec 11 and FAA approvals are still outstanding and anticipated in late January or early February.
- 1.2 Next Month – Develop the CEMP and await the issuing of the WSA and FAA approvals.

2. Heritage Plan

- 2.1 Current Month – AIA was carried out for the site and the province will be engaging a Cultural Monitor for the work occurring this year.
- 2.2 Next Month – Integration of Cultural Monitors for upcoming site preparation and ground disturbance activities.

3. Construction Plan

- 3.1 Current Month – Contractor in the process of developing the following documents:

- Quality Management Plan (QMP)
- Construction Management Plan (CEMP)
- Safety Plan
- Project Schedule

In addition the Contractor is carrying out the following:

- Contract documentation
- Procurement
- Preconstruction survey.
- Utility locates

3. Construction Plan

3.2 Next Month – Anticipated site mobilization on February 9, 2026 or once Permits are in place. Activities will include site setup, establishing temporary access roads, and initial gravel bar scalping and stockpiling above the wetted perimeter.

4. Construction Schedule

4.1 Current Month:

- Project is in the award/pre-construction phase.
- Contractor submitted their schedule and have an opportunity to revise based on feedback
- Awaiting WSA and FAA

4.2 Upcoming Milestones:

- On-site Kick-off Meeting: February 9, 2026.
- Start Bar Scalping: February 11, 2026.
- Complete Habitat Log Structure: March 13, 2026.

5. Pre-Project Photos



FIGURE 1 – CHANNEL WIDENING AREA



FIGURE 2 – COLDWATER RIVER EMBANKMENT ALONG FIR AVE



FIGURE 3 – COLDWATER RIVER EMBANKMENT ALONG FIR AVE



FIGURE 4 - EMBANKMENT SLOUGHING INTO THE COLDWATER RIVER



FIGURE 5 – EMBANKMENT EXTENDS ALONG COLDWATER RIVER




FIGURE 6 – DOWNSTREAM EXTENT OF PROJECT AREA

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Submission	Before Project Kick-Off		Friday by noon	
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