

Muskrat Falls Generation Project Stakeholder Update

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Providing public updates about important topics regarding the Muskrat Falls generation facility remains a priority for us. We are committed to keeping people living in the area up-to-date on our activities. As we move closer to raising water levels in the reservoir (impoundment) and achieving first power from the facility later this year, we will continue to regularly share information to ensure our stakeholders have the information that's important to them.

Construction Update on the Intake Channel

On Monday April 1, we started pumping water in a controlled manner into the intake channel. The intake channel is the area between the river and the intake structure (upstream side of the powerhouse). The intake channel is now filled with water. Earlier this week we started removing the rock and earth cofferdam at the entrance to the intake channel; this work is now substantially complete.

Required Water Level Changes Prior to Spring Thaw

In the coming week we will make a change to the water level upstream of the Muskrat Falls site. We anticipate raising the water level from 23m up to 25m. The reason we are making this change is to assist the ice cover upstream of Muskrat Falls to stay in place longer through the spring thaw. This change will also help in maintaining a constant water level in the reservoir during the spring thaw when flows in the Churchill River naturally increase.

We will continue to notify stakeholders as we start to make this change in water levels.

Next Steps Towards First Power

By mid-summer, we will begin the process of raising the water levels in the reservoir (referred to as impoundment) taking us one step closer to delivering power from the Muskrat Falls Generating Station later this year.

Enhanced Monitoring on the Churchill River

The provincial government continues water level monitoring on the lower Churchill River and shares this information through its Churchill River Early Flood Warning and Alert System page on their website. For more information, please visit: http://www.mae.gov.nl.ca/waterres/flooding/lc_flood_warning.html.

Safety

The safety of the public is our top priority. Always keep safety top of mind when participating in outdoor activities. Please be aware that there are areas of thin ice and open water on the river around the Muskrat Falls generation facility. We advise you to avoid these areas and to be aware of changing ice conditions.

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