Working safely and responsibly during construction

Working near and developing adjacent to power lines

You are responsible to ensure that you and your contractors work safely around powerlines. Refer to **Working near power lines** to learn more.

You are also responsible to ensure that your development adheres to utility clearance requirements when in proximity to BC Hydro's existing high voltage overhead distribution lines and transformers. Refer to **BC Hydro's guide to utility clearance requirements** for additional information.

Excavating near BC Hydro structures

If your contractor must excavate in the vicinity of BC Hydro distribution poles or other assets to accommodate the proposed new works, they will need to coordinate with a BC Hydro approved contractor to support the pole during construction in accordance with BC Hydro's requirements to ensure public and worker safety. For more information, see **Digging near power poles**.

Your environmental and archaeological responsibilities

Although BC Hydro may have performed an environmental assessment of your project, our design does not of itself fully protect site specific environmental or archaeological sensitivities and requirements. It's solely your responsibility to:

○ Determine whether there are any other site specific environmental or archaeological sensitivities and requirements.

○ Implement and build the designed infrastructure in an environmentally safe and lawful manner.

○ If an archaeological site is identified during the work (either archaeological monitoring or stop work procedure), contact the Archaeology Branch of guidance under the Heritage Conservation Act.

If environmental or archaeological sensitivities have been identified, the property owners and developers with contractors that will be installing infrastructure for BC Hydro take–over are responsible for permitting and related costs.

By taking early action, you can minimize the archaeological site management costs. Refer to **www2.gov.bc.ca/ archaeology** for more information.

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