

## PRRD Distribution Formula

The distribution formula would be recalculated every year and 60% is based on population. If it came into effect today, Hudson's Hope would get 10.99%....

**BUT...**

...by the time Site C is operating and distribution of this fund begins, our percentages would have dropped because the population of other communities (e.g. cities) would have increased proportionately more than Hudson's Hope.

If we project payments over the 70 years, Hudson's Hope's share steadily diminishes.

**No other City or Municipality will sacrifice so much, permanently, for having Site C produce electricity for the province**

**The PRRD formula offers Hudson's Hope only a tiny, diminishing fraction of an already small amount of money over a 70 year time period.**

**We need a formula based on impact, not population.**

## What Council is Doing

- We are investigating and exploring all options.
- We are doing our best to inform Hudson's Hope people of the issue by distributing this leaflet, directing people to information on the Hudson's Hope website, discussing it with groups and asking people's opinion.
- We have invited BC Hydro President and CEO, Charles Reid, to a community supper in Hudson's Hope to meet the people and talk about our issues.
- We are explaining our situation to media, government, BC Hydro, citizen groups and anyone interested.

### How important is this to you?

**Should we assign resources to seek a better settlement or accept what has been offered and move on?**

Go to [www.hudsonshope.ca](http://www.hudsonshope.ca) and follow the Site C Legacy links to see more detailed information such as the complete Term Sheet, the PRRD/Hydro press release, letter templates, addresses to send letters to, the District of Hudson's Hope's booklet entitled *Proposed Site C: Impacts on Our Community*, and much more.

## HUDSON'S HOPE Site C Legacy



Q. What legacy benefit would Hudson's Hope get if Site C were built?

A. Very little if the Regional District formula remains unchanged.

## Two Funds

BC Hydro's Site C project has two funds to deal with communities: **Legacy Fund** and **Mitigation Fund**.

### LEGACY FUND:

The Legacy is recognition for hosting the dam and reservoir during its 100+ year operating phase. It comes into effect *after* construction, once the dam and reservoir are on-line.

### MITIGATION FUND:

Is to reduce impacts or to make up for what is lost.

Covers things like replacement of Hudson's Hope water intake or creating a downtown berm to protect shoreline. It is negotiated by each community separately.

Hudson's Hope is still negotiating mitigation as of August 2013.

This leaflet is about the Legacy Fund

The Peace River Regional District (PRRD) negotiated a Legacy for the Regional District. It is in the form of a "Term Sheet"

## What *IS* a Term Sheet?

- It *IS* an "agreement to agree."
- It *IS NOT* an enforceable contract.
- It sets out general terms of what would be in a future contract.

## What's *IN* that Legacy Term Sheet?

- \$2.4 million dollars annually, for the entire region, starting when Site C comes on-line: earliest 2022.
- Indexing starts in the second year of operation.
- The first payment will be in 2013 dollars, whether it begins in 2022 or sometime far into the future.
- Payments are for 70 years – not the life of the operation.
- The distribution formula is based on 60% population and 40% service impacts.
- If the dam came on-line today, present population would give Fort St John 34.59%, Dawson Creek 13.02% and Hudson's Hope 10.99%. Remaining 41.4% would be split among Pouce Coupe, Tumbler Ridge, Chetwynd, Taylor and the Regional District.
- By signing, the parties agree that regional shared benefit issues of the region are resolved.

The PRRD communities outvoted Hudson's Hope to adopt the existing formula.

**HUDSON'S HOPE  
DID NOT SIGN THIS TERM SHEET**

Hudson's Hope Council rejects the Peace River Regional District's Term Sheet because it is unfair to Hudson's Hope. It benefits those who are not affected by the operation phase and punishes those who bear the cost.



## Why We Reject the Term Sheet

The Legacy Fund is to recognise the contribution made by the hosts of the project during its 100+ years of operation. The areas doing the hosting and paying the price in perpetuity for this operation phase are Hudson's Hope and the rural valley areas. The PRRD formula does not recognize this permanent contribution made by Hudson's Hope for provincial benefit. It gives the bulk of the benefit to those with no or minimal contribution during the project life.

Some of what Hudson's Hope would give up:

- Land (see amount below)
- Prime waterfront properties
- Unique Valley settings
- Significant Section of Alwin Holland Park (The Glen)
- Wildlife habitat & migration corridors
- Established infrastructure costs (water & wastewater treatment costs are expected to be higher, due to project)

BC Hydro supplied the following figures regarding impact to land within the District of Hudson's Hope:

Lost to flooding	603 hectares / 1490 acres
Highway realignment	66 hectares/163 acres
Statutory Right of Way	1037 hectares/2562 acres

No permanent structures are allowed on a Right of Way.

Some 30 residences have already been removed from land and many more will be lost should the project proceed.

The Hydro-owned properties where development may have occurred stand empty.

**Every year the dam operates represents a lost opportunity for Hudson's Hope to use that land for homes, businesses, and other endeavours.**