

North Ridge Wind Project

Newsletter

200 MW
nameplate capacity*

61,000
homes powered annually*

\$1 million
annual property tax*

200
construction jobs*

*estimated

We are committed to engaging stakeholders on our projects and working together with honest and transparent communications. We are sending this newsletter to provide a community update on our North Ridge Wind Project located near the village of Burns Lake.

North Ridge Wind Project is a 200 MW utility-scale wind project proposed on crown land within the Bulkley-Nechako Regional District, approximately 26 km north of the village of Burns Lake, British Columbia, near Augier Lake and Pinkut Lake. This 200 MW nameplate capacity may change as development on the Project advances and equipment is selected.

North Ridge is proposed by Yekooche First Nation and BluEarth Renewables, and the partnership intends to share ownership with other interested First Nations in whose territories the Project lies.

Project Update

The Project was submitted into the 2025 BC Hydro Call for Power, however in spring 2026, we learned that it was not awarded an Electricity Purchase Agreement ("EPA"). We expect BC Hydro to launch another Call for Power in 2028, and we plan to put forward a proposal for the Project at that time.

The Project's original schedule was contingent on being awarded an EPA in the 2025 Call for Power. Although an EPA was not awarded, we plan to continue advancing development, and milestones and timelines will be adjusted accordingly.

The Project schedule must be tied to an EPA award for several reasons, including:

- Access to certain grid connection processes are only available to Projects which have been awarded a BC Hydro EPA.
- Environmental and technical studies must be completed within a specific timeframe prior to construction to ensure they reflect current conditions. Without a confirmed construction, studies may need to be deferred or adjusted.
- An EPA award provides certainty for the Project, allowing the partners to commit resources and funding and move forward with detailed engineering, design and biological fieldwork to ensure responsible and successful development.

Project Development Activities in 2026

As the Project is still in the early stages of development, and permitting process with the BC Energy Regulator (BCER) is expected to begin in 2029 at earliest, our work over the next few years will focus on gathering information to better understand the site and inform future project planning.

In 2026, we will focus on collecting data to help identify potential location for Project infrastructure, before beginning targeted field baseline studies in the coming years. Other activities will include:

- Engaging with First Nations to better understand community interests, information requirements and engagement protocols
- Engaging with local landowners, interest holders and the surrounding community to share information and gather feedback
- Conducting cultural, heritage, and archeological surveys at proposed meteorological tower locations
- Developing a detailed field work program and regulatory schedule to support permitting and First Nations governance requirements
- Completing desktop modelling to assess effects of variable terrain on wind speeds throughout the Project
- Completing desktop investigations to assess wildlife use, identify species of concern, evaluate site constraints, and inform future Project design

Community Benefits

The proposed North Ridge Wind Project is located in the shared territories of many First Nation communities. Together, we want to ensure that development benefits these communities, and the broader community. Below are some of the community benefits of the proposed Project.



Tax Revenue & Local Investment

The Project will provide an estimated \$1-2 million in annual property tax over its 30-year lifespan.

The tax revenue provides a reliable and ongoing investment in local infrastructure and community initiatives.



Employment

The Project will provide employment benefits in both the construction and operations phases.

During construction, the Project will provide approximately 200 jobs (at peak) including land surveying, civil construction, concrete and aggregate supply, transportation, electrical, site security, and other construction services. During operations, the Project will provide several full-time, on-site, operations opportunities, in addition to ongoing services such as vegetation management, electrical, and snow removal, and others.



Benefit Fund

The Project will establish a 30-year benefit fund to ensure the community sees direct benefit from the Project.

This fund can be used to further enhance local initiatives and community priorities.

We invite the community to provide suggestions on where funding would be most impactful. Submit a funding request at bluearth.ca/funding/

Giving Back Where We Live, Work and Operate

As part of our Community Investment Program, we invite you to apply to the BluEarth Renewables Scholarship Program. Our Scholarship Program is available to students located within 50 km of our development projects and operating facilities, and is designed to support, educate and inspire the next generation of leaders and professionals who have the power to change the future.



Indigenous Peoples
Scholarship



Community Leaders
Scholarship



Renewable Energy
Trades Scholarship

Learn more and apply online by September 15 at bluearthrenewables.com/scholarships

We want to hear from you

We are committed to open and transparent communication and will continue to keep the community informed through newsletters and open houses.

If you have additional questions about the Project or other opportunities for community engagement, please contact us and a member of our team will be in touch with you.

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