

Important Message for Robson Residents

May 2017



Repairs on the foreshore at Celgar

Celgar will be doing equipment repairs on the foreshore this summer that may affect the Robson residents.

Our 'Colby Crane' is one of our most essential pieces of equipment for log handling at Celgar. It's also one of the oldest; being in use since the early days of the mill in 1961. Travelling over both land and water, the Colby's grapple can lift logs from both trucks, and the river and has a 60 tonne load capacity.

In February this year, an underwater inspection of the crane revealed corrosion of the steel H-pilings that support the crane over the water. Since then our crane has been limited to travelling over land only, while we explored engineering solutions and acquired the necessary permits for repairs. In March geotechnical drilling was performed to characterize soil types to facilitate the repair design.

Although Celgar purchases the majority of our fibre needs as residual wood chips from sawmills, a good 33% also comes from whole logs we process onsite. Our woodroom can process 600,000 m³ of pulp wood logs annually and two thirds of those logs come to us via Arrow Lakes. Working without our Colby Crane to pull them from the water has been challenging; requiring additional handling and dewatering, affecting our woodroom production, and chip pile inventory.

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The repairs

The \$3 million repair project includes installing approximately 3 dozen steel pilings on the foreshore that are approximately 24 inch diameter by 110-135 feet tall, filling them with concrete and capping them. The work will begin the first week of June.

There are several stages in the plan schedule. The first phase to be completed this summer includes:

- Removal of Sunken Logs and Debris: Anticipated to take up to one month to complete.
- Equipment Mobilization and Area Preparation: Anticipated to take up to four weeks to complete.
- Pile Installation: Anticipated to begin as early as June 5th and will take up to six weeks to complete.
- Pile cap installation: Will begin once installation is finished, and is anticipated to take up to four weeks to complete.

All regulatory permits for the work have been granted and include ongoing environmental monitoring throughout the duration of the project to minimize the potential impact to the aquatic environment.

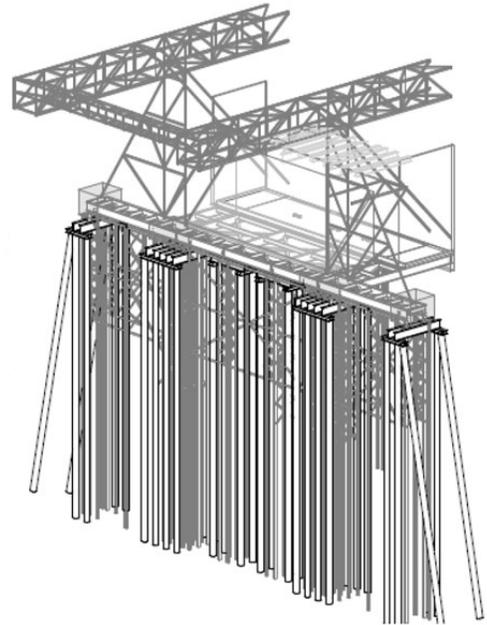
Some of the work; primarily the pile driving, will generate noise. The best available technology to minimize noise and reduce the impact for the Robson residents will be used, and this work will be limited to the hours of 7 AM to 7 PM Monday through Saturday and 10 AM to 7 PM on *Sundays and holidays (*if required).

Restoring full function of the Colby Crane is essential to the Celgar operation. The initial crane pilings endured 57 years of active use and with new and improved materials we anticipate the new pilings will maintain integrity even longer.

We appreciate that this work may impact you, our neighbors across the river, and we sincerely apologize for the inconvenience.

We will keep you informed on the project progress.

If you have any questions or concerns, please email us at: PublicRelations@Celgar.com ❖



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