

Monthly Engagement Report

June 2026



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Overview

Engagement activities in Hedley B.C. during June 2026 focused on responding to questions and feedback received following the Hedley Community Open Houses that occurred May 27, and May 28, 2026. Discussion occurred with both community members and Upper Similkameen Indian Band (USIB) representatives, providing an opportunity to clarify project information, identify knowledge gaps, and better understand priorities for future engagement.

Several questions required further technical review and remain under development. Responses will continue to be refined as engineering, feasibility, and planning work progresses.

Objectives & Scope

The objectives of June 2026 engagement activities were to:

1. Respond to questions submitted by community members and Indigenous representatives
2. Increase transparency around project planning and anticipated timelines
3. Better understand information needs and community priorities
4. Identify opportunities to improve future engagement and communications
5. Continue building relationships through open dialogue and ongoing follow up

Stakeholder and Indigenous Engagement

Community Engagement

Community discussions largely focused on improving understanding of the project and its potential impact.

Key themes included:

1. Project schedule and anticipated development timelines
2. Water management, groundwater use, and opportunities to support local water infrastructure
3. Project funding, budgeting, and overall project economics

4. Future land use and project design
5. Opportunities for local businesses and professional experience to support the project
6. Requests for improved communication, including regular project updates
7. Suggestions to improve the format and accessibility of future community engagement events

Engagement Outcomes

Regeneration acknowledged the questions and feedback received and provided high-level responses where information was available. Key responses included:

1. Confirmed a commitment to ongoing project communications through quarterly project updates and continued opportunities for community engagement
2. Shared that project planning remains in the feasibility and engineering phase, with many technical details continuing to evolve as studies are completed
3. Explained that water management is a key project consideration and that opportunities to minimize water use and explore water recycling will continue to be evaluated
4. Acknowledged community interest in local infrastructure opportunities and committed to sharing relevant suggestions with the project team for future consideration
5. Confirmed appreciation for offer of local expertise and indicated these opportunities will be considered as project needs develop
6. Recognized feedback regarding the Open House format and will consider adjustments to improve future engagement activities

Indigenous Engagement

Discussions with USIB focused primarily on gaining a clearer understanding of the project's technical planning and future development. Key areas of interest included:

1. Planned engineering, environmental, and geotechnical studies
2. Project development timelines and anticipated phases of work
3. Conceptual site layout and future mapping
4. Equipment, workforce, and construction planning

5. Anticipated environmental, cultural, and community benefits
6. Potential project risks and proposed mitigation measures
7. Operational considerations, including environmental management and construction practices

Engagement Outcomes

Regeneration provided preliminary information where available and identified several areas where additional detail will become available as project planning progresses. Key responses included:

1. Confirmed feasibility, engineering, and environmental studies are underway to inform future project planning and regulatory processes
2. Advised that conceptual designs, mapping, and operational details will continue to be developed as technical work advances
3. Shared that discussions regarding project benefits, risks, and mitigation measures will continue collaboratively with USIB throughout the project development
4. Confirmed future engagement will include additional opportunities to review technical information, discuss project design and incorporate Indigenous perspectives as planning progresses
5. Recognized the importance of ongoing dialogue and committed to providing additional information as it becomes available

Key Considerations

Several consistent themes emerged throughout June engagement activities:

1. There is strong interest in receiving information early, even when details are still being developed
2. Community members continue to seek greater transparency regarding project planning, funding, and anticipated community benefits
3. USIB are looking for progressively more detailed technical information to support meaningful participation throughout project development

4. Ongoing engagement should balance transparency with the acknowledgement that many aspects of the project remain subject to engineering, feasibility, regulatory, and planning process

Priorities for Next Month

1. Continue responding to outstanding community and Indigenous inquiries as additional technical information becomes available
2. Support clear and consistent communication regarding project timelines, studies, and planning activities
3. Continue building relationships through regular engagement with community members and Indigenous partners
4. Identify opportunities to improve future engagement activities based on feedback received
5. Coordinate with the project team to ensure emerging community interests and Indigenous priorities are reflected in future engagement planning
6. Continue efforts to engage with Lower Similkameen Indian Band (LSIB)