



Mayo to McQuesten

PHASE 1 OF THE STEWART–KENO TRANSMISSION LINE REHABILITATION PROJECT

PROJECT UPDATE · JUNE 2020

At Yukon Energy, it's our job to generate and deliver power to communities across Yukon. An important part of this work is upgrading and replacing old power lines that have become unreliable.

This month, we start work to replace the transmission line between Mayo and the McQuesten substation. More than 65 years old, this power line has reached end-of-life and is becoming increasingly unreliable. As part of this project, we'll also be adding system protection equipment at the Stewart Crossing South substation to improve power quality in the area.

This project is fully permitted and essential work that must be completed now. Work done as part of the project will:

- » improve power quality and reliability in the area;
- » improve public safety by replacing old poles and wires with new equipment;
- » allow for future growth and development in the region; and
- » put Yukoners back to work and support the economy.

This project is funded in part by the Government of Canada and the Government of Yukon. It's scheduled to be completed in mid-2021.



Join us for a virtual information session

Thursday, June 11

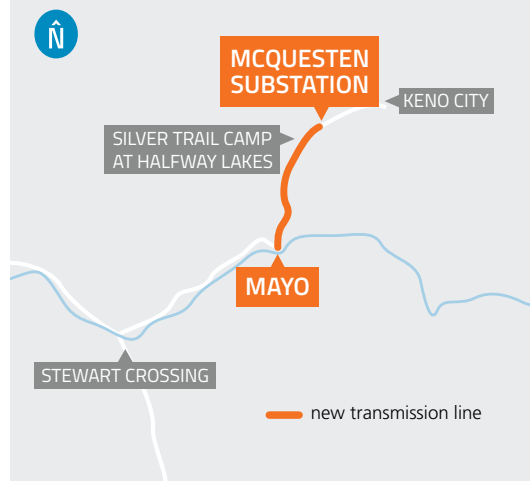
WebEx video session
7pm – 8pm

To register and get the meeting link, email communications@yec.yk.ca.

consulting First Nations

The First Nation of Na-Cho Nyäk Dun is one of several partners we have on this project.

Regular project and safety updates have and will continue to be provided to the First Nation throughout the life of the project.



work this month

Setting up Cobalt's brushing work camp

Bringing equipment and crews to the Silver Trail Camp at Halfway Lakes.



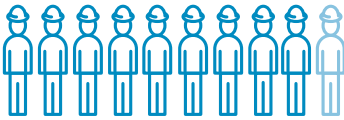
Crews completing brushing work will stay at the Silver Trail Camp at Halfway Lakes.

The First Nation of Na-Cho Nyäk Dun, Selkirk First Nation and the Village of Mayo will be **informed in advance of all workers and equipment passing through Mayo** to the camp.



Workers are not allowed to enter the Village of Mayo unless there is an emergency or with pre-approval from the First Nation of Na-Cho Nyäk Dun.

The camp will be run according to all rules in the Yukon government's **Guidelines for Work Camps During COVID-19**.



90% of workers helping with brushing are Yukoners. Any out-of-territory workers will be required to follow the *Direction and Guidelines for the Delivery of Critical, Essential and Other Services*.

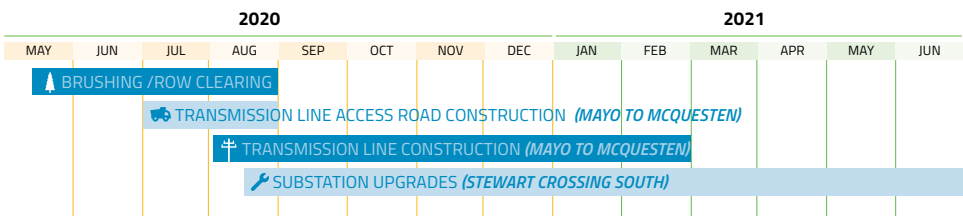


Fuel and food will be stored at the camp at Halfway Lakes.



Any food or supplies purchased from Mayo will be **delivered or picked up by a designated individual**.

Project schedule



addressing COVID-19 concerns

Yukon is our home too. Like you, we are committed to the health and safety of our employees, families, and customers.

We have developed a strict COVID-19 safety plan that makes the Mayo to McQuesten project COVID-safe.

We will follow Yukon government's *Guidelines for Work Camps During COVID-19* to ensure we take the same precautions to protect our contractors and their families from COVID-19 as we do our own employees and families.

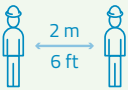
Keeping workers safe at the Silver Trail Camp



Medical staff at the camp **will monitor workers every day** for signs or symptoms of COVID-19.



An additional site foreman will **enforce the safety plan**.



2 metres of separation will be maintained between workers. Additional Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) will be used for work in close quarters.



Additional camps will be secured to ensure physical distancing rules are maintained.



Meal times and breaks will be staggered to **limit gatherings to less than 10 people**.



Equipment will be regularly disinfected. **Additional cleaning staff** will regularly disinfect the camp.

Brushing starts

Clearing the way for the new transmission line.

- » For the most part, the new Mayo to McQuesten transmission line will be built beside the existing power line. The new line will be moved in a few places to better align with the road.
- » This area has been surveyed and now needs to be cleared of trees and vegetation. If trees and vegetation touch the power line they can cause public safety risks or power outages.
- » A heritage assessment has been done along where the new power line will go and historical artifacts will not be disturbed.
- » Heavy equipment and hand tools will be used to complete brushing.
- » Brushing will continue until late August this year.
- » Salvageable timber will be cut.



Planned Outages

There are no planned outages in June.
Customers affected by future outages will be contacted in advance.

job and sub-contracting opportunities

We are hiring contractors to work on this project. Please contact them directly about possible job or sub-contracting opportunities. This list of contractors will be updated in future newsletters as contracts are awarded.

BRUSHING

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ACCESS ROAD CONSTRUCTION

Request for Proposals closed.
Proposals under review.

TRANSMISSION LINE CONSTRUCTION

Request for Proposals closed.
Proposals under review.

FUTURE PROJECT UPDATES

Over the next 12 months, we're committed to keeping you up-to-date on the project's progress and to answer your questions. With COVID-19, we too are working from home and doing most things virtually, so you'll see most of our updates delivered through traditional mail, online and social media. We'll also put updates on our website. Watch for invites to future virtual community meetings. If you will be affected by a planned power outage, you can expect to hear from us by phone, email or text.

In the meantime, you can always get up-to-date information on our website, yukonenergy.ca, or by emailing us at communications@yec.yk.ca.

For more information, visit yukonenergy.ca
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