Stakeholder Updates
Blockade at Muskrat Falls Main Gate
Started October 16, 2016

October 26, 2016 – Update at 4:30 p.m. (NST)

At approximately 1:20 p.m. (NST), the group of protestors occupying the common areas of the Muskrat Falls accommodations complex was transported to the main gate and departed the Muskrat Falls site in coordination with the RCMP. The protestors have also vacated the protest pad across from the Muskrat Falls gate. The RCMP remains at gate and is managing access to and from the site.

Our immediate priority is to resume normal operations at site in order to ensure completion of critical work. Over the next few days, the focus is to restock critical supplies and work on remobilization plans to bring site back to full production. Essential work activities are continuing at site tonight.

We will continue to closely monitor the situation. The emergency operations team at Muskrat Falls continues to manage the situation on the ground. The Torbay Road EOC team is moving into *Alert Status* and will support to the site emergency operations team if required.

Further information will be provided as more details are available.

October 26, 2016 – Update at 10:30 a.m. (NST)

This morning, the protestors occupying the common areas of the Muskrat Falls accommodations complex agreed to leave site. The protestors have indicated they will leave the site at 12:30 p.m. Buses are being coordinated by site to ensure protestors are safely escorted from the site and their departure will be managed by the RCMP.

A small group of protestors also remains on the protest pad. The RCMP is managing access to and from the site through the main gate.

Essential work activities are continuing at site today.

The emergency operations team at Muskrat Falls, in coordination with the RCMP, continues to manage the situation on the ground to ensure the safety of everyone. The Torbay Road EOC team is providing support to the site emergency operations team as required.

Further updates will be provided as the situation changes.

October 25, 2016 - Update at 10:00 p.m. (NST)

There has been no change in the protest activity at the Muskrat Falls site since the last update.

Approximately 60 protestors continue to occupy the common areas of the Muskrat Falls accommodations complex. Earlier reports suggested another group of approximately 100 protestors were on the protest pad across from the main gate to the Muskrat Falls site but we are estimating about 20-30 have since left. The RCMP is managing access to and from the site through the main gate.

We have not released any additional non-essential workers from site since the last update. We are planning to continue releasing non-essential workers in a phased approach as transportation and RCMP resources are available.

Essential work activities are continuing at site tonight.

Protest activity is being closely monitored. The emergency operations team at Muskrat Falls, in coordination with the RCMP and contractors, continues to manage the situation on the ground to ensure the safety of workers and protestors. The Torbay Road EOC team is providing support to the site emergency operations team as required.

Further updates will be provided as more details are available.

October 25, 2016 – Update at 8:00 a.m. (NST)

There has been no change in the protest activity at the Muskrat Falls site since the last update.

Approximately 60 protestors continue to occupy the common areas of the Muskrat Falls accommodations complex. Another small group of protestors remains on the protest pad across from the main gate to the Muskrat Falls site. The RCMP is managing access to and from the site through the main gate and have closed highway 510.

As of 8:00 a.m. (NST), approximately 500 people remain on site. We plan to continue releasing non-essential workers in a phased approach today as transportation and RCMP resources are available.

Day shift and critical operations are commencing today.

Protest activity is being closely monitored. The emergency operations team at Muskrat Falls, in coordination with the RCMP and contractors, continues to manage the situation on the ground to ensure the safety of workers and protestors. The Torbay Road EOC team is providing support to the site emergency operations team as required.

Further updates will be provided as more details are available.

October 24, 2016 – Update at 9:30 p.m. (NST)

There has been no change in the protest activity at the Muskrat Falls site since the last update.

Approximately 60 protestors continue to occupy the common areas of the Muskrat Falls accommodations complex. Another small group of protestors remains on the protest pad across from the main gate to the Muskrat Falls site. The RCMP is managing access to and from the site through the main gate.

As of 9:30 p.m. (NST), an additional 225 non-essential workers had been bused from the site. In total close to 1,100 non-essential workers have been released from the site to date. We plan to continue releasing non-essential workers in a phased approach tomorrow morning as transportation and RCMP resources are available.

All construction activities remain suspended tonight.

Protest activity is being closely monitored. The emergency operations team at Muskrat Falls, in coordination with the RCMP and contractors, continues to manage the situation on the ground to ensure the safety of workers and protestors. The Torbay Road EOC team is providing support to the site emergency operations team as required.

Further updates will be provided as more details are available.

October 24, 2016 – Update at 4:30 p.m. (NST)

The protest is continuing at the Muskrat Falls site at this time. Approximately 45 protestors continue to occupy the common areas of the Muskrat Falls accommodations complex. Another group of about 10-15 protestors remain on the protest pad across from the main gate to the Muskrat Falls site. The RCMP is present at the gate and is currently managing access to and from the site.

The RCMP has blocked the highway leading to the Muskrat Falls site, restricting individuals from joining the protest at the Muskrat Falls gate.

We have not released any additional non-essential workers from site since my last update. We are planning to continue releasing non-essential workers in a phased approach as transportation and RCMP resources are available.

As a result of the increased level of protest activity today, all construction activities were suspended for the day shift.

Protest activity is being closely monitored. The emergency operations team at Muskrat Falls, in coordination with contractors, continues to manage the situation on the ground to ensure the safety of workers and protestors. The Torbay Road EOC team is providing support to the site emergency operations team as required.

Further updates will be provided as more details are available.

October 24, 2016 – Update at 9:00 a.m. (NST)

This morning approximately 50-60 protestors continue to occupy the common areas of the Muskrat Falls accommodations complex. Another group of protestors remain on the protest pad across from the main gate to the Muskrat Falls site. Current weather conditions are preventing us from determining the number of protestors near the Muskrat Falls gate at this time. The RCMP is also present at the gate and is currently managing access to/from the site.

A group of protestors (2 adults and 3 children) requested to leave the Muskrat Falls accommodations complex and our site team made arrangements to have them transported to the main gate last night.

We are planning to continue releasing non-essential workers from the site today. Approximately 950 non-essential workers had been bussed from site as of 9:00 a.m. without incident. Non-essential workers will continue to demobilize in a phased approach as transportation and RCMP resources are available.

Essential work activities are continuing at site this morning.

Protest activity is being closely monitored. The emergency operations team at Muskrat Falls, in coordination with contractors, continues to manage the situation on the ground to ensure the safety of workers and protestors. The Torbay Road EOC team is providing support to the site emergency operations team as required.

Further updates will be provided as more details are available.

October 23, 2016 – Update at 10:30 p.m. (NST)

About 60 protestors currently occupy the common areas of the Muskrat Falls accommodations complex tonight. This number has increased as the result of approximately 20 additional protestors gaining access to site this evening. Another group of approximately 100 protestors also remain near the main gate of the Muskrat Falls site. The RCMP remains present at the gate and is currently managing access to and from the site to ensure the safety of everyone.

As a result of the increased level of protest activity tonight, all construction activities were suspended for the night shift.

Nalcor and contractors will maintain workers at the site to ensure safety and maintenance of critical equipment and the integrity of the construction site.

Our contractors at site are continuing to release non-essential workers, as well as those workers scheduled to conclude their regular work rotation earlier today, in a phased approach in coordination with the RCMP.

Protest activity is being closely monitored and is expected to continue through the night. The emergency operations team at Muskrat Falls, in coordination with contractors, continues to monitor the situation on the ground to ensure the safety of workers and protestors.

October 23, 2016 - Update at 7:00 p.m. (NST)

About 40 protestors continue to occupy the common areas of the Muskrat Falls accommodations complex. At approximately 6:10 p.m. (NST), two RCMP officers entered the accommodations complex and met with the protestors, serving them with the court injunction.

The group of protestors currently occupying the Muskrat Falls site gate has grown since this afternoon with approximately 100 protestors remaining near the gate. At approximately 6:15 p.m (NST), 20 additional protestors breached the site gate and are currently on site. The RCMP remains present at the gate and is currently managing access to/from the site.

As of 7:00 p.m. (NST), approximately 900 non-essential workers have been bussed from site without incident. Non-essential workers will continue to demobilize on a regular basis as transportation resources are available. Essential operations are continuing at site.

The emergency operations team at Muskrat Falls, in coordination with contractors, continues to manage the situation on the ground to ensure the safety of workers and protestors. The Torbay Road EOC team is providing support to the site emergency operations team as required.

Our team continues to monitor the situation closely. Further updates will be provided as more details are available.

October 23, 2016 – Update at 2:30 p.m. (NST)

About 40 protestors continue to occupy the common areas of the Muskrat Falls accommodations complex. Another group of approximately 25 protestors remains near the gate to the Muskrat Falls site. The RCMP is present at the gate and is currently managing access to/from the site.

As of 2:30 p.m. (NST), approximately 900 non-essential workers have been bussed from site without incident. Non-essential workers will continue to demobilize on a regular basis as transportation resources are available. Essential operations are continuing at site.

Protest activity is being closely monitored. The emergency operations team at Muskrat Falls, in coordination with contractors, continues to manage the situation on the ground to ensure the safety of workers and protestors. The Torbay Road EOC team is providing support to the site emergency operations team as required.

Further updates will be provided as more details are available.

October 23, 2016 - Update at 10:30 a.m. (NST)

This morning approximately 50 protestors continue to occupy the common areas of the Muskrat Falls accommodations complex. Another group of approximately 10 protestors remains on the protest pad across from the main gate to the Muskrat Falls site. The RCMP is present at the gate and is currently managing access to/from the site.

Non-essential workers are being released from the site. Approximately 600 non-essential workers had been bussed from site as of 10:00 a.m. without incident. Non-essential workers will continue to demobilize on a regular basis as transportation resources are available.

Essential operations are continuing at site; day shift has been cancelled for non-essential operations.

Protest activity is being closely monitored. The emergency operations team at Muskrat Falls, in coordination with contractors, continues to manage the situation on the ground to ensure the safety of workers and protestors. The Torbay Road EOC team is providing support to the site emergency operations team as required.

Further updates will be provided as more details are available.

October 22, 2016 – Update at 10:00 p.m. (NST)

As of 10:00 p.m. (NST), there are approximately 40-50 protestors occupying the dining area of the Muskrat Falls accommodations complex. Another group of protestors remain outside the main gate to the Muskrat Falls site, restricting access to and from site.

Contractors at Muskrat Falls have begun making plans to release non-essential workers, and those workers previously scheduled to leave at the end of their regular work rotation, from the site to return home.

Nalcor and some contractors will maintain workers at the site to ensure safety and maintenance of critical equipment and the integrity of the construction site.

Protest activity is being closely monitored and is expected to continue through the night. The emergency operations team at Muskrat Falls, in coordination with contractors, continues to monitor the situation on the ground to ensure the safety of workers and protestors.

RCMP officers remain present at the gate.

The Torbay Road EOC team is providing support to the site emergency operations team as required.

Our team continues to monitor the situation closely. Further updates will be provided as more details are available.

October 22, 2016 – Update at 7:00 p.m. (NST)

As of 7:00 p.m. (NST), there are approximately 50-60 protestors occupying the Muskrat Falls accommodations complex. An estimated 100 protestors remain outside the main gate to the Muskrat Falls site, restricting access to and from site. The night shift has been cancelled.

Approximately 30 protestors with vehicles were previously at the North Spur, however all protestors have since left the area. Work has also been shut down at that location.

Protest activity is being closely monitored and is expected to continue through the night. The emergency operations team at Muskrat Falls, in coordination with contractors, is managing the situation on the ground to ensure the safety of workers and protestors. RCMP officers are present at the gate, and they have reopened the Trans Labrador Highway at the causeway and at the beginning of Route 510. Additional assistance from the RCMP and security/authorities has also been requested.

The Torbay Road EOC team is providing support to the site emergency operations team as required.

Our team continues to monitor the situation closely. Further updates will be provided as more details are available.

October 22, 2016 - Update at 4:00 p.m.

This afternoon at approximately 2:15 p.m. (Labrador time), an estimated 50 protestors and several vehicles breached the main gate to the Muskrat Falls site and are walking toward site. The main gate has been closed but appears to be under the control of the protestors. Another 150 protestors (approx.) remain outside the gate, restricting access to and from site.

The emergency operations team at Muskrat Falls, in coordination with contractors at site, is managing the situation on the ground and have taken a number of measures to secure the site and ensure the safety of workers and infrastructure. Administrative buildings, the accommodations complex and contractor trailers are currently on lock-down. We have requesting assistance from RCMP and RNC to provide assistance and additional security/authorities have been requested.

Our team continues to monitor the situation closely. Further updates will be provided as more details are available.

October 22, 2016 - Update at 10:30 a.m. (NST)

Protestors continue to block the main gate to the Muskrat Falls site this morning, restricting access to and from site.

Local workers were unable to attend day shift this morning. We are anticipating disruptions at the gate to continue throughout the day, and the number of protestors is expected to increase this afternoon during a planned rally at the gate for 3:00 p.m. (Labrador time).

Priority and essential work at the Muskrat Falls site is proceeding with the resources currently available at site.

Our team continues to monitor the situation closely. The emergency operations team at Muskrat Falls is managing the situation on the ground with support from the Torbay Road EOC as required.

Further updates will be provided as the situation changes.

October 21, 2016 update at 8:15 p.m.

Good evening,

Protestors continue to block the main gate tonight, restricting access to and from the Muskrat Falls site.

As a result, local workers were unable to attend night shift. The number of protestors has increased this evening. Protest activity is expected to continue over the weekend, and we are anticipating further disruptions for the local workers attending day shift in the morning. Priority and essential work is proceeding with the resources that are currently available at site.

Our team continues to monitor the situation closely. The emergency operations team at Muskrat Falls is managing the situation on the ground with support from the Torbay Road EOC as required.

Further updates will be provided throughout the weekend as the situation changes.

October 21, 2016 update at 2:00 p.m.

Good afternoon,

There are no major changes to protest activity at Muskrat Falls at this time. Protestors continue to block the main gate, restricting access to and from the Muskrat Falls site.

Latest information suggests approximately 50 additional protestors from other areas of Labrador are travelling to the area to participate in the protest. Protest activity is expected to continue into the evening and weekend.

Our team continues to monitor the situation closely. The emergency operations team at Muskrat Falls is managing the situation on the ground with support from the Torbay Road EOC as required.

Further updates will be provided as the situation changes.

October 21, 2016 update at 8:30 a.m.

Protestors continue to block the main gate to the Muskrat Falls site, restricting access to and from site. Protestors are allowing medical and emergency vehicles through the gate.

Work at the site has been impacted by the protest. Local workers were unable to attend day shift this morning, and we are anticipating disruptions at the gate to continue throughout the day. Priority and essential work at the Muskrat Falls site is proceeding with the restricted work resources that are at site.

Our team continues to monitor the situation closely. The emergency operations team at Muskrat Falls is managing the situation on the ground with support from the Torbay Road EOC as required.

October 20 update at 8:00 pm Sent to Government, Boards, LCP Management (with Nalcor VPs added)

The protestors continue to block the main gate to Muskrat Falls site, restricting access to and from site.

As a result, local workers were unable to attend night shift and we are anticipating further disruptions for the local workers attending day shift in the morning.

The MF site team has made arrangements for essential workers to gain access to site for night shift. Priority and essential work is proceeding with the resources that are currently available at site.

The RCMP remains on site and continues to monitor the situation.

Our emergency operations team at Muskrat Falls remains in place managing the situation on the ground and our EOC team in St. John's is continuing to provide support, as required.

An update will be provided in the morning.

October 20 update at 1:00 pm Sent to Government, Boards, LCP Management (with Nalcor VPs added)

Protestors continue to block the gate to Muskrat Falls site at this time. Currently, protestors are not allowing anyone to enter or leave site.

Work at site continues to be impacted by the protest.

We are establishing a plan for the likely demobilization of non-essential site workers, which will be the majority of workers at site, in effort to reserve resources to allow critical construction activities to proceed. A decision to suspend non-essential work will be taken as we continue to access the status of the protest.

Please ensure that Lance, as EOC Incident Commander, and me are included on all internal and external communications regarding the protest moving forward.

Our Torbay Road EOC is working closely with our emergency operations team at Muskrat Falls, providing support as required.

I will provide an update when further information is available.

October 20 update at 8:30 am
Sent to Government, Boards, LCP Management (with Nalcor VPs added)

At this time, protestors continue to block the gate to Muskrat Falls site. As a result, local workers were unable to attend day shift this morning. We are anticipating disruptions at the gate to continue throughout the day.

Work at the site has been impacted by the protest. Priority and essential work at the Muskrat Fall site is proceeding with the restricted work resources that are at site. The MF team at site is assessing essential resources.

All travel to the Muskrat Falls site has been placed on hold.

Our team continues to monitor the situation closely. Our emergency operations team at Muskrat Falls remains in place managing the situation on the ground and our Torbay Road EOC is continuing to provide support, as required.

I will provide an update as the situation changes.

October 19 update at 9:30 pm Sent to DNR, Boards, LCP Management (with Nalcor VPs added)

The protestors continue to block the main gate at this time. Local workers were unable to attend night shift and we are anticipating disruptions for the local workers attending day shift in the morning.

The RCMP remains on site and continue to monitor the situation.

Our Torbay Road EOC team will continue to monitor the situation closely with the emergency operations team on the ground at Muskrat Falls and provide support, as required.

I will provide an update in the morning.

October 19 update at 7:00 pm Sent to DNR, Boards, LCP Management (with Nalcor VPs added)

The protestors have blocked the highway area in front of the Muskrat Falls main gate this evening, restricting access to and from site.

The RCMP are on site monitoring the situation.

Our team continues to monitor the situation closely. Our emergency operations team at Muskrat Falls remains in place managing the situation on the ground and our EOC team in St. John's is continuing to provide support, as required.

I will provide further updates as the situation

October 18 update at 6:15 pm Sent to DNR, Boards, LCP Management (with Nalcor VPs added)

There have been no further disruptions to operations since my last update at 5:00 pm.

At this time, individuals continue to gather and protest on the protest pad at Muskrat Falls. We have been working with the RCMP to ensure their safety.

Our Torbay Road EOC team will continue to monitor the situation closely with the emergency operations team on the ground at Muskrat Falls.

Please note, we are now moving into Alert Status.

Further information will be provided if the situation changes.

October 18 update at 5:00 pm Sent to DNR, Boards, LCP Management (with Nalcor VPs added)

We've been experiencing some disruptive protest activity throughout the day at the cofferdam, North Spur and main gate of Muskrat Falls. This has resulted in temporary and limited work stoppages.

We expect that these disruptions will continue throughout the night.

We are working with the RCMP to ensure the safety of the protestors, our team members and the public.

Our team continues to monitor the situation closely. Our emergency operations team at Muskrat Falls remains in place managing the situation on the ground and our EOC team in St. John's is continuing to provide support, as required.

Further information will be provided if the situation changes.

There have been no further disruptions to operations since my last update at 5:00 pm.

At this time, individuals continue to gather and protest on the protest pad at Muskrat Falls. We have been working with the RCMP to ensure their safety.

Our Torbay Road EOC team will continue to monitor the situation closely with the emergency operations team on the ground at Muskrat Falls.

Please note, we are now moving into Alert Status.

Further information will be provided if the situation changes.

October 18 update at 12:30 pm

Sent to DNR, Boards, LCP Management (with Nalcor VPs added)

Protestors have travelled up the river by boat, gained access to area below cofferdam construction and have since left without disruption to construction activities.

We have partially mobilized the Torbay Road EOC team in support of the site emergency operations team at Muskrat Falls.

We are continuing to monitor the situation. Further updates will be provided if the situation changes.

October 17 update at 6:00 pm Sent to DNR, Boards, LCP Management (with Nalcor VPs added)

Access to the Muskrat Falls Site has remained open since it resumed early this morning and regular operations are continuing.

RCMP remain on site and will continue to monitor the situation. We do note that protestors continue to occupy the protest pad.

Our Torbay Road EOC Team have moved into Alert Status and we are standing down from EOC Partial Mobilization.

Please note, we have completed an EOC team hand over and Jason Kean is now the Incident Commander, Torbay Road, on call. Please ensure Jason and myself are included on all internal and external communications moving forward.

Our team continues to monitor the situation closely in coordination with our emergency operations team at Muskrat Falls. I will connect with updates providing the situation changes.

October 17 update at 7:30 am

Sent to DNR, Boards, LCP Management (with Nalcor VPs added)

As a result of the blockade at the Muskrat Falls site, we have been granted an injunction against the individuals that established the blockade by the Supreme Court of Newfoundland and Labrador.

Access to the site resumed early this morning and regular operations are continuing at the project site.

Our team continues to monitor the situation closely. Our emergency operations team at Muskrat Falls remains in place managing the situation on the ground and our EOC team in St. John's is continuing to provide support, as required.

We are continuing to monitor the situation this morning. Further updates will be provided if the situation changes.

October 16 update at 4:30 pm

Sent to DNR, Boards, LCP Management (with Nalcor VPs added)

The protest is continuing at the main gate of Muskrat Falls at this time and access to site is being blocked by protesters.

The MF team at site has made arrangements for essential workers to gain access to site for night shift. Contractors made the decision to cancel night shift for their local workers who are not considered essential for construction to continue.

RCMP are still on site and continue to monitor the situation. We are continuing to monitor the situation with the MF team at site.

All travel to our work sites in Happy Valley - Goose Bay has been placed on hold.

Further updates will be provided in the morning unless the situation changes before then.

October 16 update at 12:00 pm

Sent to DNR, Boards, LCP Management

I am communications on call and I will be providing the updates as we move forward with the protest. Karen will be managing the media requests.

The protest is continuing at the main gate of Muskrat Falls at this time with no change in status since Karen's previous update.

Work at the site has been impacted by the protest. Priority and essential work at the Muskrat Fall site is proceeding with the restricted work resources that are at site.

The MF team at site is assessing essential resources. A decision has not been made by contractors regarding local night shift coming to work.

RCMP are still on site and continue to monitor the situation. The partial mobilization of the LCP EOC is still in effect and we are continuing to monitor the situation with the MF team at site.

Please ensure that Lance, as EOC Incident Commander, and me are included on all internal and external communications regarding the protest moving forward.

Further updates will be provided as the situation changes.

October 16 update at 9:00 am

Sent to DNR and LCP Management

Early this morning, about 30 protesters were at the main gate of the Muskrat Falls site and were refusing access to workers getting to site. The RCMP were called at that time.

The local day shift buses were been denied access and had to turn back to town. The night shift buses were able to leave.

The protest is continuing at this time. There is currently sufficient management and supervision available at site to continue work across LCP and the contractors.

Members of the LCP EOC team are monitoring the situation with the MF team at site.

I will send a note to DNR.

Further updates will be provided as the situation changes.