

## RE: [External] Shaw/Bell Whistler to Cache Creek

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Hi Paul, the issue with Cache Creek project is that Shaw/Bell were TELUS licensees and applied to TELUS for pole access. In this case Shaw/Bell were not BCH customers and were dealing with TELUS directly and not BCH

This project however requires BCH to make certain modifications to poles in order to accommodate Shaw/Bell requests. BCH got request from TELUS to make these modifications but TELUS did not inform BCH who/what/why these requests are for. Therefore BCH treated these requests like any other requests from TELUS. It wasn't until this summer when this was brought to our attention that our involvement was necessary to support this project. BCH then invited itself to series of meetings that Network BC has set up and after that, project is back on track.

We have now requested visibility from TELUS and also from Network BC to involve us on all of these projects so we can proactively support these projects. The lesson learned re Cache Creek is lack of communication from TELUS to BCH. There is no shortage of will or capability on the part of BCH to support Shaw/Bell and the government to support these projects.

With respect to seeing the list of projects, that would be great and in fact will go a long way to help bring visibility to BCH and we can start to plan our work accordingly to support them. BCH is under no obligation to share the list of projects to TELUS if that is the concern.

If you need anything/have questions, please let me know. Thanks

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As part of the Connectivity effort of the province, the Northern Economic Development Trust is providing funding for a number of projects to expand mobile and internet capacity in under-served areas of the province. One of the concerns that is often raised is the slowness of BC Hydro and the Whistler to Cache Creek project is cited as an example. I understand that they are trying to complete the project this spring. Is there anything you could share so that I get an understanding of the concern?

I was also hoping to share with you a list of projects that are about to receive funding. As I understand it, s.17  
s.17 However, there are concerns that Telus' would know what their competitors are up to so I have not received a list of potential projects to share.

This Friday, Shaw staff are meeting with us (an Introductory meeting) and I plan to ask them whether they have any projects that require access to poles, and whether their projects must be completed by October 2021, and if they have approached BC Hydro.

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