

## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

### **BC HYDRO PLANNED POWER OUTAGES**

**Dates:** Monday, July 18<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, August 16<sup>th</sup>  
**Time:** 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

To carry out important work at Highland Substation BC Hydro needs to conduct 2 planned power outages in Logan Lake in July and August.

**Affected area:** All customers in Logan Lake, north to Tunkwa Provincial Park, and Paska Lake, east to Lac le Jeune and McConnell Lake, and south on Mamit Lake Rd to Steffens Rd.

These outages will allow BC Hydro to connect Highland Substation near Logan Lake to a mobile transformer while they carry out urgent maintenance on the transformer at this substation. The first outage will take place to connect to the mobile transformer, and the second outage will take place to disconnect the mobile transformer and return the substation to its normal configuration. Using a mobile transformer will reduce the number of planned outages while the work at Highland substation is carried out.

BC Hydro understands that power outages during summer can be difficult for their customers, and will work safely and efficiently to restore power as quickly as possible. If weather forecasts call for temperatures to be above 35 degrees Celsius on the day of the outages, they will cancel and reschedule the outages.

Below are tips to keep you and your family safe during an outage:

#### **Standby and backup generators**

- Only operate a portable generator outdoors in a location where exhaust can't enter your home.
- Never use a portable generator indoors, including a garage or other enclosed space.
- Don't plug a portable generator into a standard household electrical outlet.

#### **Food storage and cooking**

- Keep your freezer and fridge doors closed.
- A full fridge can keep food cold for about 4 hours.
- A full freezer can keep food frozen for up to 48 hours; when half-full it will keep food frozen for about 24 hours.
- Never use a barbeque or camping stove indoors or in an enclosed space.
- Check the [Canadian Food Inspection Agency](http://www.inspection.gc.ca) for information on handling refrigerated and frozen food during a power outage.

#### **Staying cool and connected**

- Cool your home as much as possible during the cool evening and early morning hours by opening windows.
- If you have a heat pump or air conditioner, prior to the outage start cooling the house lower than you usually keep it.
- Once the temperature outside is warmer than inside, keep doors and windows closed to keep the cooler air in and the warm air out.
- Close the drapes and blinds: shading windows can block out up to 65% of the heat.
- Don't turn on the oven: if possible, cook meals using a barbecue or camp stove outside.
- Check in on family, friends and neighbors', especially those that are elderly.
- Check for updates from your local municipality about cooling centres or other local information during and extended or overnight outage.

#### **Help your device battery last as long as possible by following these tips:**

- Don't turn it off – your device uses more battery being turned off/on so using sleep mode is best.
- Switch on airplane mode or manually disable Wi-Fi, Bluetooth, GPS features and push notifications.
- Turn the brightness of the display down as low as possible.
- Close apps or other functions.

**The District will also be providing cooling stations at the Fire Hall located at 120 Chartrand Place. Cooling stations are air-conditioned spaces where you can cool down if it is a hot day.**

For more information, please contact the District Office at 250-523-6225.

# Map of Power Outage Area (in Green)

