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## **113L Transmission Line Rebuild**

### **Project update – Vegetation management starting in your area**

Thank you for your ongoing participation in the 113L Transmission Line Rebuild. We began consulting with stakeholders on this proposed project in February 2020 and want to provide you with an update on planned activities in the project area, including survey work and routine maintenance.

#### **Project background**

The existing 138 kilovolt (kV) 113L transmission line has reached the end of its lifecycle and is proposed to be replaced as part of AltaLink's ongoing maintenance program to reduce safety risks and ensure a reliable supply of power is available for years to come. If approved, the project involves rebuilding approximately 23 kilometres of the overhead portion of the 113L line between the Spray Substation to the Kananaskis River.

#### **Vegetation management activities**

As part of our responsibility to maintain the safety and reliability of our transmission lines, we need to ensure that our rights-of-way are properly managed to minimize the risk of power outages and fires. As a result, we will be starting some routine vegetation management along the existing 113L transmission line, including removing brush and undergrowth on the existing right-of-way.

#### **What to expect with vegetation management activities**

Activities are expected to start mid-November and continue until the end of April, with a pause between December 25 and January 1. Depending on where you are in relation to the project, you may see or hear noise and crews, signs and vegetation management equipment like a mulching tractor along the right-of-way. Where Vegetation management is planned near residential areas, it will occur Monday to Friday between 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

#### **Danger and hazard tree identification**

In our August project update, we let you know that certain locations along the transmission line will require a Vegetation Control Easement (VCE) because they are located in a High Fire Risk area. The VCE allows AltaLink to remove danger trees and hazard trees up to a distance of approximately 15 metres from the edge of the right-of-way. Starting in November, you might see crews out flagging danger and hazard trees within the proposed VCE that have been identified for potential removal.

#### **Geotechnical surveys**

Also starting in November, AltaLink will be conducting geotechnical drilling to perform soil investigation at various locations within the project area as required. A tracked drilling rig with a support vehicle will be used. The information gathered will be used for detailed engineering of the proposed transmission structures.

#### **Contact us**

We are available to address any questions or concerns you may have. Please contact us at 1-877-267-1453 (toll-free) or [stakeholderrelations@altalink.ca](mailto:stakeholderrelations@altalink.ca). Further information about this project and maps are available at [altalink.ca/projects](http://altalink.ca/projects).

Sincerely,

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