

Our Association

About the Independent Power Producers Association of BC



Who We Are.

- The independent power production (IPP) industry in BC was launched in 1989 when BC's Minister of Energy instructed BC Hydro to issue calls for proposals for private power.
- The Independent Power Producers Association of BC (originally named the Independent Power Association of BC) was incorporated under the Societies Act of BC on December 27, 1991.
- The mandate of the IPPBC is to develop a viable independent power industry in British Columbia that serves the public interest by providing cost-effective electricity through the efficient and environmentally responsible development of the province's generation and transmission resources and facilities.
- The IPPBC is governed by a Board of Directors elected annually by the Association membership. Board directions are carried out by a President with the assistance of a number of volunteer Operations committees, volunteer Issue Champions, professional consultants and administrative staff.
- Current Operations Committees include: Regulatory, Public Affairs, Hydro Sector, Wind Sector, Thermal Sector, and Transmission & Interconnection.
- A summary of IPPBC's activities of the past 18 years is available at:
 - www.ippbc.com/EN/about_ippbc/history and
 - www.ippbc.com/EN/about_ippbc/informing_stakeholders



Many local contractors are used on our projects.

What We Do.

- The IPPBC focuses on two things:
 - We are the collective voice of IPPs in BC.
 - We provide members with information services and promotional and networking opportunities.
- The IPPBC was formed to enable IPPs to work collectively to overcome common barriers to development, especially with respect to provincial electricity policy, regulation and procurement.
- The Association acts as the Advocate for the general interests of all Members with governments, the public and special interest groups. The Association does not act as an advocate for the interests of individual members or their projects.
- IPPBC engages in policy formulation, regulatory processes, permitting procedures, BC Hydro procurement processes, BC Transmission Corporation planning, media and public relations, communications with local and First Nations governments and with resource users.
- The Association compiles and distributes public information on matters of substantive interest to the majority of its members. The information is provided through our website: www.ippbc.com which contains the following sections:
 - Public level: News articles, Quick Facts, Photo Gallery, Environmental Assessment info on 33 IPP projects, New Developer Reference Tools, Government Permitting Processes.
 - Members-only level: Developers Toolbox, Member/Supplier Directory, IPP Event Calendar, Opportunities/Classifieds, IPPBC Letters, Reports & Presentations, Past News Flashes, Maps. Reports & Publications: Commentaries on seminal documents like BC Hydro Electricity Purchase Agreements and New Tenure Policies, plus submissions to government ministries, crowns and agencies.
- The Association provides daily e-mail broadcasts to members covering: News Flashes, Event Alerts, Issue Flags and Business Opportunity Alerts.
- Public Presentations: Association members make about two dozen presentations each year to industry, First Nations and non-government organizations.
- Annual Report: Presented at the Annual General Meeting - summarizing the past year's accomplishments and the coming year's priorities.



We make every effort to have as small an environmental footprint as possible.

Members

- The IPPBC membership currently comprises 320 members including Project Developers and Service Providers. There currently are about 30 student members of the IPPBC.
- Annual membership fees range from \$50 for students to \$4,000 for large developers with categories and costs listed at http://www.ippbc.com/EN/join_ippbc/annual_membership_fees/html
- The members are independent of government and focus on producing power for the provincial grid, not for self-consumption (i.e. pulp mills and mines).
- The Project Developers sector includes large and small companies, mainly BC and Canadian-based companies that may be private companies, publicly traded companies or publicly-owned companies.
- Developer Member companies represent all fuel sources currently under active development in BC including biogas, biomass, coal, co-generation, combined cycle gas turbines, district heating, energy recovery generation, geothermal, run-of-river hydro, solar, tidal, wave and wind power.
- Technical Service Providers include technical firms engaged in construction, engineering, fuel supply and material and equipment sales.
- Commercial Service Providers firms provide professional services in the area of environmental analysis and management, legal counsel, insurance and bonding, finance and various areas of management consulting.

Services To Members

- **Advocacy:** The IPPBC focuses on issues and programs that benefit the IPP membership as a whole or a critical mass of members on a critical issue.
- IPPBC does not provide narrow advisory service to individual companies – rather they are encouraged to engage those of our member companies that perform that work.
- Only IPPBC members may sit on IPPBC Committees and directly influence the content of IPPBC reports or participate in Association presentations to BC Hydro, BC Transmission Corporation, BC Utilities Commission, government officials, NGOs and the public.
- The IPPBC assists members in reducing their data gathering costs and improving their industry knowledge by providing the following services:
 - Daily e-mail broadcasts to members covering: News Flashes, Event Alerts, Issue Flags, Opportunity Alerts, Classified Ads, Job Opportunities, and People for Hire.
 - Access to IPPBC reports, maps, presentations, IPP Developer Toolbox, and letters.
 - The IPPBC holds Conferences, Annual General Meetings and IPP Forums, where leaders from the energy industry speak on current topics. Over 600 people have attended IPPBC events in the last 12 months.
- The Association also provides members with promotional opportunities including: Sponsor Spotlights, Exhibitor Booths, Members-in-the-News profiling, and public speaking opportunities.
- IPPBC organizes project site tours for members, the news media and non-members.
- Members enjoy substantial discounts on event registration costs for IPPBC events or for non-IPPBC events where the IPPBC President has been invited to speak.



Powerhouse at Miller Creek.



Fisheries and wildlife technicians are a part of our members' environmental planning and management teams.

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