
Fortis Substation Update

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Dear Homeowners and Residents,

We would like to take this opportunity to update you on the F.A. Lee Terminal Station.

FortisBC Update – F.A. Lee Terminal Station supplies power to Kelowna, Lake Country, Big White, and Joe Rich. FortisBC completed a major expansion of the site in March 2024, which included a new transformer, re-routed power lines, better lighting, and removal of an old storage building.

TRCA Involvement - Back in 2020, the TRCA formed a committee to work with FortisBC and provide input on ways to improve the site's appearance.

Our recommendations focused on:

- Strategic tree planting to soften the view
- Landscaping and sight line improvements
- Feedback on fencing and public art
- Overall beautification of the area

Unfortunately, few of these suggestions were reflected in the finished project, leaving the station with limited visual appeal and an unappealing piece of public art.

What's Next FortisBC has advised us of November 06, 2025, that:

- All City permit requirements are complete.
- The City has approved additional planting near McCurdy Road and Tower

Ranch Drive.

- They are now waiting for a Federal Species at Risk Act (SARA) permit, due to the presence of the Western Painted Turtle in the area.

Pending approval, planting and beautification work is expected to begin in spring 2026.

TRCA Commitment

- Monitor the SARA (Painted Turtle) approval process
- Advocate for meaningful visual improvements
- Share updates with residents as they become available

Bottom line: Infrastructure upgrades are complete, but FortisBC's promised landscaping is still pending. We'll keep you posted as plans move forward into 2026. The contact for FortisBC on this project is Shelley Martens, Mgr. Community & Indigenous [Relations:shelley.martens@fortisbc.com](mailto:shelley.martens@fortisbc.com).

Kind regards,
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