

March 2021

JWG Monthly Update

In March, the following topics were discussed:

- Historic land uses and future land uses
- Incorporation of Indigenous and Local Knowledge into the land use assessment
- Environmental Assessment (EA) status update

Aerial View of Patterson Lake

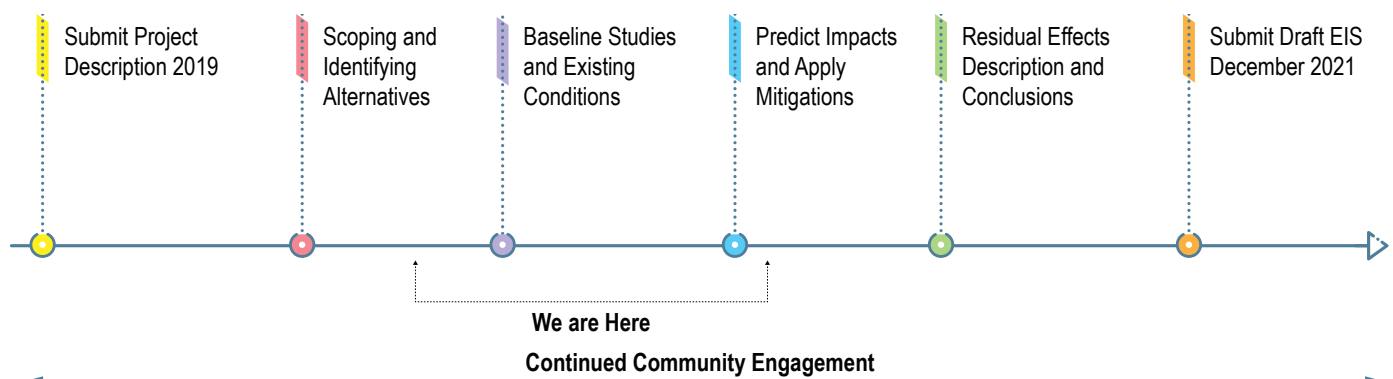
NexGen Energy is pleased to present this update to communities on the discussions that took place as part of the March 2021 Joint Working Groups.

WHAT WE DISCUSSED

In the March 2021 Joint Working Group (JWG) meetings, we discussed three key topics:

- Historic land use and desired land uses in the future. JWG's presented information regarding land use and other important community items to NexGen.
- JWG's provided Indigenous (First Nations and Métis) and Local Knowledge and observations relating to land use to inform the Environmental Assessment (EA) process and enhance the overall Rook I Project (Project).
- The current status of the EA and upcoming activities.

Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) Process



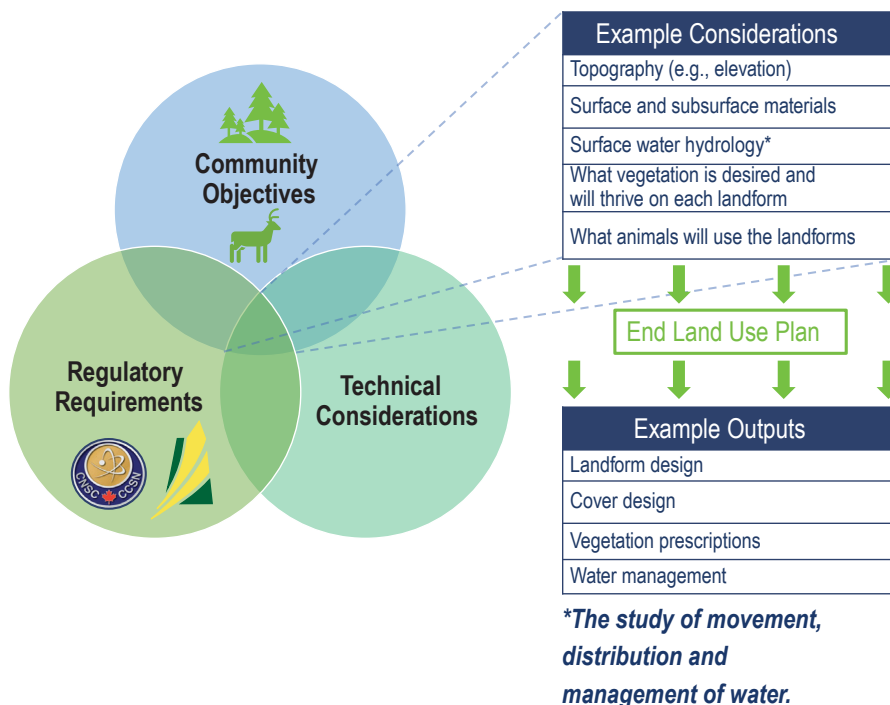
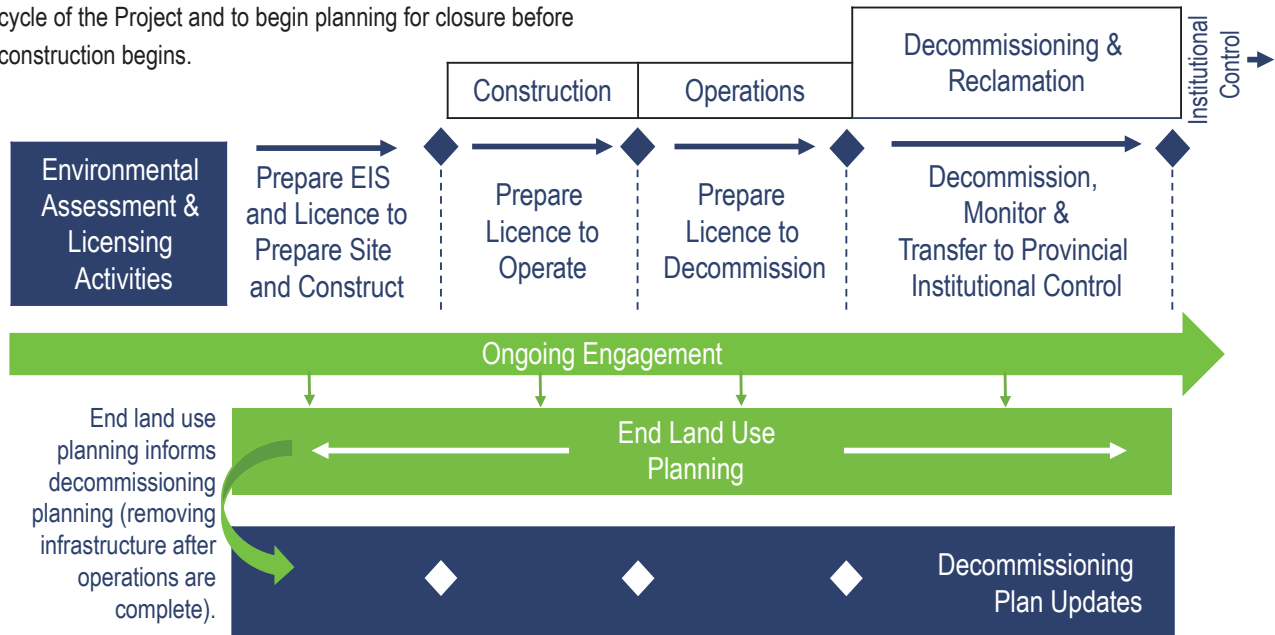
Aerial View of Rook I Project Site and Patterson Lake

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Meeting Summary

Land Stewardship Through all Project Phases

- NexGen is looking forward to continued engagement with local communities through all Project stages, and to learn more about how local land users have used the land in the past and would like to use the land in the future.
- NexGen's approach to land stewardship includes the full life cycle of the Project and to begin planning for closure before construction begins.
- While there is a regulatory process to be followed, NexGen's goal is to go above and beyond those requirements. Community input at all stages is important to NexGen to facilitate our intention for high-quality Project development.



Informing the Path Forward

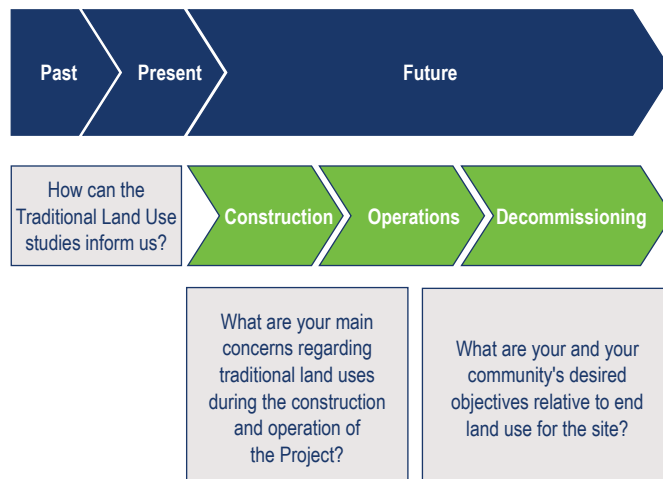
- End land use refers to how the site will be used in the future, after decommissioning and reclamation.
- Shared knowledge contributes to the EA and the Project in important ways, including by:
 - Informing baseline studies and identifying potential impacts.
 - Contributing to developing appropriate mitigations and management plans.
- The goal is to establish ecosystems that are safe to use, common to the area, and will provide land uses similar to pre-disturbance land uses.

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Land Use and the Project Life Cycle

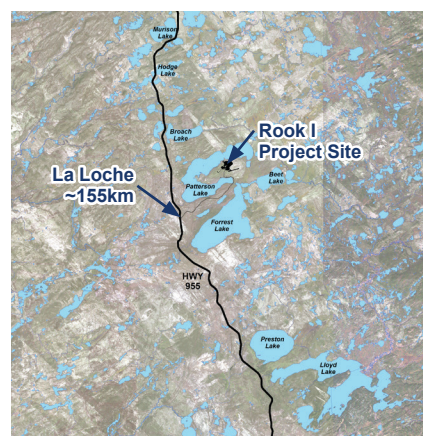
- NexGen would like to hear from you at all stages of the Project life cycle.
- NexGen is committed to responsibly developing the Project. The objective is to leave all areas that were disturbed during operations safe for traditional land uses and in a condition that is consistent with the surrounding environment.
- NexGen looks to the community for feedback on what you think is important and what your objectives are in relation to end land use.

Land Use is Considered Throughout all Project Phases



Questions to Think About Regarding Traditional Land Use

- Which activities during construction and decommissioning are likely to impact traditional land use in the Project area?
 - Can you describe those impacts (e.g., noise, effects to water, traffic)?
 - Do you think there may be any differences among the different phases of the Project?
- What concerns you most about your ability to continue to exercise your rights relative to Project activities?
- Do you have any thoughts on how we may lessen impacts to traditional land use or how continued land and resource use could be supported during the Project life cycle?
- What lessons should be learned from other mine sites in northern Saskatchewan (e.g., Cluff Lake)?



Location of Rook I Project Site

Decommissioning

- NexGen believes that it is important to start planning for decommissioning and closure early in the Project development process.
- Early and ongoing collaboration with Indigenous communities is very important to NexGen.
- There are several different options for the decommissioning of the site and other items relating to the site (e.g., equipment, waste).
- These items and materials can be sold, repurposed, recycled or disposed of. Community input is important to determine the best course of action.

Options for Safe and Environmentally Responsible Disposal of Project Infrastructure and Wastes

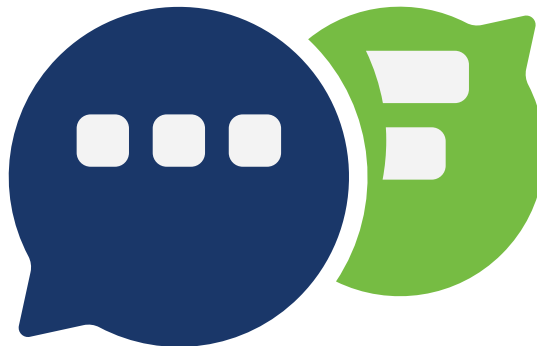
On-site	Off-site
Keep as-is	Sale
Repurposing	Recycling or reprocessing
Decommissioning in place	Disposal
Purpose-built landfill	
Placement underground	

What are your ideas for the use of Project infrastructure following decommissioning and reclamation?

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EA Update

- Women's interviews are being planned to understand how the Project might uniquely affect women both positively and negatively. Feedback on how these interviews should be conducted and with whom was sought from the JWG's.
- A Caribou Linear Feature Reclamation Trial is planned for 2021 and the names of two people from each Indigenous Group were sought from the JWG's to participate.
- A Caribou Mitigation and Offsetting Plan will be developed in collaboration with Indigenous Groups.
- NexGen would also like to understand how best to present the EA findings to communities.



WHAT WE HEARD FROM THE JOINT WORKING GROUPS

- The land is of vital importance to communities; it has helped establish traditions, practices, and people's way of life.
- Hunting, fishing, trapping, and harvesting of medicines and food plants continue to be a critical part of the well-being, survival, identity, and culture of communities.
- Potential Project effects to hunting, trapping, and fishing are a concern for some community members.
- Social impacts need to be considered; there are issues with drugs and alcohol in the communities that need to be carefully managed with increased salaries.
- Communities would like to understand what effects to the environment have been experienced at similar projects (e.g. Cluff Lake).
- Consideration of the cumulative effects of projects in the area and consideration of studies completed at other sites is important in the assessment of this Project.
- Working together towards a harmonious and prosperous future is the desired outcome; communities appreciate the opportunity to discuss the Project and work alongside NexGen.
- Communities expressed a desire to have the EIS Summary presented in Dene and liked the concept of an audio recording. A version in Cree might be helpful for some community members.

QUESTIONS TO THINK ABOUT

- How would you like the land to be able to be used post-decommissioning (after mining is completed)?
- What is most important for NexGen to consider now, in these early stages, with respect to land use?
- How would you like your community to be involved in end land use planning going forward?
- To help in preparations for future discussions around caribou, is there anything you would like to understand or share specific to caribou and mitigating effects on caribou?
- A summary of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) will be prepared and translated – what languages would you like to see provided? Are there any other considerations for the presentation of the EIS? How would communities like to see Dene used in the EIS?
- Would an audio recording of the summary EIS be beneficial?

Please contact us by any of the means below if you wish to ask questions or discuss anything – we look forward to hearing from you!