



Rook I Project and Community Engagement Update

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Education, Training, & Employment Updates

High School Career Presentations - From October 18 to 20, 2022, NexGen visited high schools in the Local Priority Area (LPA) and presented to students an overview of the career opportunities that will be available at the Rook I Project (the Project). NexGen encouraged students to complete their high school studies to allow for opportunities to pursue post-secondary education and highlighted programs in place to support students, such as the NexGen scholarship program and summer student program.



Students reading job descriptions for careers in mining

NexGen was joined by Hatch, an EPCM (Engineering, Procurement, Construction Management) company working with NexGen on aspects of the Project.

NexGen and Hatch staff met with students afterwards to answer questions and engage in one-on-one discussions. Career profiles and other materials outlining job descriptions were available for students to take away. NexGen appreciates the thoughtful questions and feedback received from students during the presentations.

Thank you to the students and teaching staff who welcomed NexGen into their schools. We look forward to the opportunity to return to schools in the LPA and continue these discussions.



High school career presentation

Carpentry Program - The 18-week Carpentry Applied Certificate Program in La Loche, certified through Saskatchewan Polytechnic, began on October 24, 2022 and will continue to March 2023. Following the successful completion of this program, each of the 12 students will receive 540 hours towards their first year apprenticeship accreditation. NexGen is collaborating with Northern Career Quest, Northlands College, Dene High School, and Bird Construction (Clearwater River Dene Nation business partner) for this course.



Students attending class for the carpentry program

NexGen Meets with Saskatchewan Ministers - On October 20, 2022, NexGen met with Government officials in La Loche to discuss opportunities for future employment and training that will be available throughout the various phases of the Project. Government officials included the Honourable Gordon S. Wyant, K.C., Minister of Advanced Education; Honourable Don McMorris, Minister of Government Relations; and Members of the Legislative Assembly (MLAs) Jim Lemaigre for Athabasca and Alana Ross for Prince Albert Northcote.

The meeting was a great opportunity to discuss ongoing relationship building and collaboration between Indigenous Nations, industry, and Government partners. NexGen shared information about the partnerships it is advancing with provincial educational institutions to maximize training and development opportunities for LPA community members to continue to develop positive benefits for each community.

Additional Education and Training Initiatives

NexGen is collaborating with community partners, educational institutions, and different levels of government to advance the following education and training courses in the Local Priority Area (LPA) in 2023:

■ Safety Ticket Training in Buffalo River Dene Nation (BRDN) and Birch Narrows Dene Nation (BNDN)

– Buffalo Professional Services (BRDN's Economic Development Corporation) and Sixteen Safety Services Inc. (BRDN business partner) are offering safety ticket training courses in Dillon and Turnor Lake, SK. These courses started on November 29, 2022, and will continue to April 28, 2023, and are fully funded by NexGen.

■ Safety Ticket Training in Clearwater River Dene Nation (CRDN) – ONYX Industrial Inc. (CRDN business partner)

will be offering a safety ticket course in CRDN in 2023, of which dates are still being confirmed. These courses will be fully funded by NexGen.

■ **Digital Transformation Course** - NexGen is partnering with Morris Interactive to create a uranium-specific digital transformation course for underground mining. NexGen will be working with Morris Interactive to build the course curriculum in 2023, with the goal of delivering the course in the LPA in 2024.

■ **Electrical and Pipe Fitting Courses** – Similar to the Carpentry Program that is currently underway in La Loche (see Page 1), NexGen is collaborating with educational institutions to fund separate electrical and pipe fitting courses in the LPA in 2023. More details will be shared once they become available.



Presenting potential career opportunities that will be available at the Rook I Project to students

NexGen is excited to support and deliver these education and training opportunities in the LPA. If you are interested in learning more about the courses listed above or have suggestions of other courses that you think should be considered for the LPA, please contact your respective community representative or NexGen directly through Robert St. Pierre, Community Liaison Manager, NexGen La Loche Office.

Environmental Monitoring Programs in 2022

NexGen has continued collecting baseline monitoring data for the Project to understand existing conditions, including:

- Groundwater monitoring;
- Air quality monitoring;
- Continuous weather station monitoring;
- Hydrology (surface water flow) monitoring;
- Surface water quality monitoring;
- Baseline gamma radiation survey;
- Vegetation mapping;
- Heritage resource impact assessment; and
- Fish habitat survey.

To assist in reclamation planning, NexGen also conducted field programs to understand how different restoration techniques may be used to protect woodland caribou, and how natural forest fire effects revegetation.



Summer student assisting with hydrology monitoring this summer

Traditional Foods Study

CanNorth (an environmental consultant to NexGen) will be working with communities to conduct a Traditional Foods Study in northwestern Saskatchewan. This will involve working with communities to further understand the type, quantity, and location of traditional foods consumed, and will analyze the key food types.

This information will complement the work already conducted in support of the environmental assessment (EA), such as the self-directed Indigenous Knowledge and Traditional Land Use Studies that were fully funded by NexGen through the Study Agreements with the CRDN, Métis Nation - Saskatchewan (MN-S, on behalf of the Northern Region 2 [NR2]), BNDN, and BRDN.

NexGen is engaging with communities on the Traditional Foods Study and has asked local Indigenous Groups to collaborate on the study development.

Community Information Sessions with MN-S NR2

The MN-S NR2 hosted Community Information Sessions (CISs) on October 5, 2022 in the Northern Village of La Loche (NVLL) and October 6, 2022 in the Northern Village of Buffalo Narrows (NVBN), and NexGen was invited to present the results of the EA for the Project. NexGen's presentation focused on the draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) that was submitted to the provincial and federal regulators.



October 2022 CIS in Buffalo Narrows

Similar to the June 2022 CISs, NexGen brought a series of posters detailing information about the Project, the EA, and the regulatory process for the Project. Two Vice Presidents, several managers, and subject matter experts from NexGen were also in attendance to answer questions and discuss the Project with community members. When combined, the two sessions were attended by over 65 MN-S citizens.



October 2022 CIS posters in La Loche

NexGen thanks the MN-S NR2 leadership for the invitation to present to community members on the Project, as well as all those that were able to attend the sessions.



A summary booklet of all of the posters used in the June 2022 and October 2022 CISs is available on the Rook I Project website: <https://www.saskatchewanuranium.ca>

Monthly Radio Announcement

Beginning in May 2022, NexGen initiated a series of monthly radio announcements about the Project and NexGen's community engagement activities.

Radio announcements occur on the first Tuesday of each month at 4 PM CST on the La Loche (CHPN) and Buffalo Narrows (CIBN) radio stations.

The La Loche radio announcement can also be streamed online at <http://listen.streamon.fm/chpn>, and a translator is available to translate the announcement for Dene speakers.

If there are any topics of interest to consider in future radio announcements, please contact Robert St. Pierre at (306) 822-7579, by email at rstpierre@nxe-energy.ca, or by visiting Robert at the NexGen office in La Loche.

In Memory of Don Hovdebo

Don will be greatly missed by the NexGen Team and everyone who had the pleasure of knowing him. Don's passion, leadership, and commitment to meaningful community engagement was unparalleled.

In recognition of Don, one of the annual NexGen Scholarships that is offered to post-secondary students from the LPA will be named the "Don Hovdebo Memorial Scholarship" in his honour, reflecting his commitment to community advancement, particularly in the north.





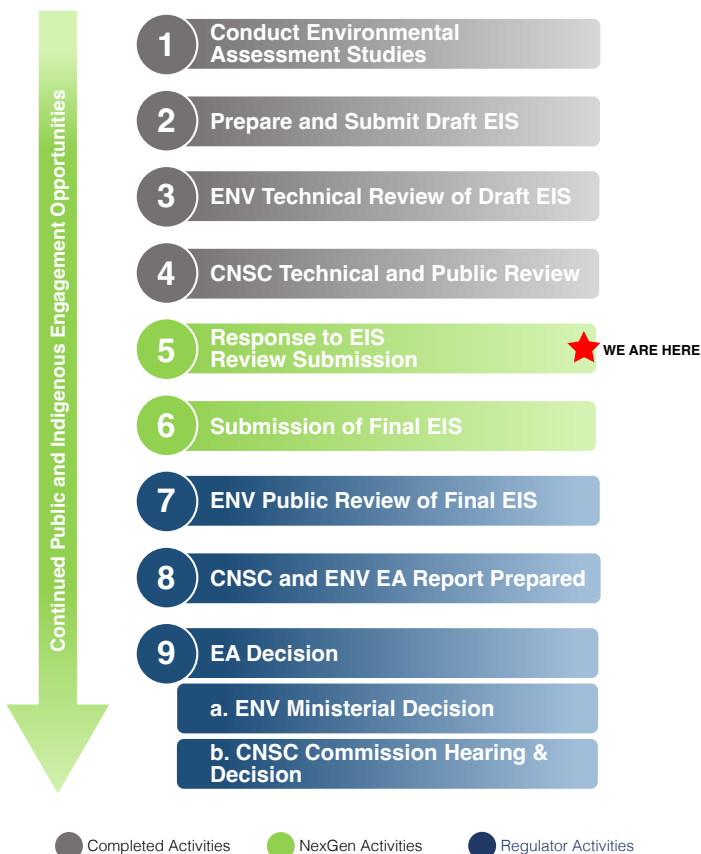
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The Rook I Project (the Project) is undergoing a harmonized environmental assessment (EA) process by the federal (CNSC) and provincial (ENV) regulators.

For the past two years, NexGen has been conducting an EA for the Project. The findings of the EA and detailed Project information is summarized in an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), which is the report that was submitted to the regulators earlier this year. In July 2022, the CNSC publicly posted NexGen's draft EIS on the Canadian Impact Assessment Registry website for the 90-day technical federal and public review process; this process concluded on October 12, 2022.

The CNSC has provided NexGen with the questions and comments, collectively referred to as information requests (IRs), from Indigenous Nations and communities, members of the public, and government departments and agencies. NexGen is currently working on providing responses to these IRs.



What is Next?

Once NexGen has responded to the IRs, NexGen will develop a final EIS which will again be submitted to the CNSC and ENV. The ENV will post the final EIS for public comment and then make a recommendation to the Saskatchewan Minister of Environment regarding the Project. The CNSC will develop an 'EA Report' which will be posted for public review, and then will make a recommendation to an independent Commission, which will take place in a hearing.

Interested in Learning More?

Contact us at **1-833-333-8895** or

engagement@nxg-energy.ca

Let us know if you have any questions—
we are interested in what you think!

Seasons Greetings and Happy Holidays

The NexGen team wishes everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

We enjoyed being back in the community this year and are thankful for the continued collaboration with our valued community partners as we work together to create lasting benefits for current and future generations. Thank you to all the employees, contractors, suppliers, and community members who contributed to another safe and successful year. We are looking forward to 2023 and beyond. From all of us at NexGen, have a safe and happy holiday season!



Foster dog, Chutney, at the Rook I exploration camp. Chutney was recently adopted and is now at her forever home for the holidays!