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Education and Training Updates

NexGen Congratulates Graduates of the 2022-2023 Carpentry Training Program

NexGen is pleased to announce and congratulate the 8 graduating students of the 18-week Carpentry Applied Certificate Program in La Loche, SK.

The carpentry training program was initiated by NexGen and provided in collaboration with Northern Career Quest, Northlands College, Dene High School, and Bird Construction (Clearwater River Dene Nation [CRDN] business partner) and was certified through Saskatchewan Polytechnic. The program, which began on October 24, 2022, concluded on March 17, 2023, following the graduation ceremonies in La Loche which were attended by the Member of the Legislative Assembly (MLA) for Athabasca Jim Lemaigre. Not only will the graduating students receive 540 hours towards their first-year accreditation, they will be the first students to be indentured (i.e., will be registered as first-year apprentices) directly through the Saskatchewan Apprenticeship and Trades Certification Commission (SATCC).

Congratulations to the graduating class and all the best in their new careers!

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| ■ Lynell Fontaine | ■ Rayni-Mae Fontaine |
| ■ Shendell Fontaine | ■ Lucas Janvier |
| ■ Daniel Janvier-Mercredie | ■ Joshua Janvier-Mercredie |
| ■ Austin Herman | ■ Ramcia Montgrand |



Graduation ceremony with MLA Jim Lemaigre and representatives from the course providers

Safety Ticket Training Courses

The CRDN and Carbon Medical are offering safety ticket training courses in CRDN. These courses started on February 14, 2023, and will continue to be offered until July 31, 2023; these courses are fully funded by NexGen.

Buffalo Professional Services (Buffalo River Dene Nation [BRDN] Economic Development Corporation) and Sixteen Safety Services Inc. (BRDN business partner) are continuing to offer safety ticket training courses in Dillon and Turnor Lake, SK. These courses are all fully funded by NexGen and will continue to April 28, 2023.



Youth Mentorship VIP Program participants attending the Canucks versus Wild Game in Vancouver

NexGen Hosts Students from the Local Priority Area (LPA) for Youth Mentorship VIP Program in Vancouver

NexGen proudly hosted students and chaperones from Clearwater River Dene School, Birch Narrows Dene Community School, Buffalo River Dene Community School, Dene High School, and Twin Lakes Community School for its first Youth Mentorship VIP Program hosted in partnership with the Vancouver Canucks (Canucks) in Vancouver, B.C. on March 1 and 2, 2023.

The participants - chosen for their outstanding community contributions - enjoyed quality time with Canucks players and coaches, ice time skills, inspirational talks, and experienced the Canucks paying tribute to Indigenous history and culture at the Canucks' 5th Annual First Nations Night where the Canucks played against the Minnesota Wild. The event even included a surprise visit by Saskatchewan-born Indigenous player, Ethan Bear.

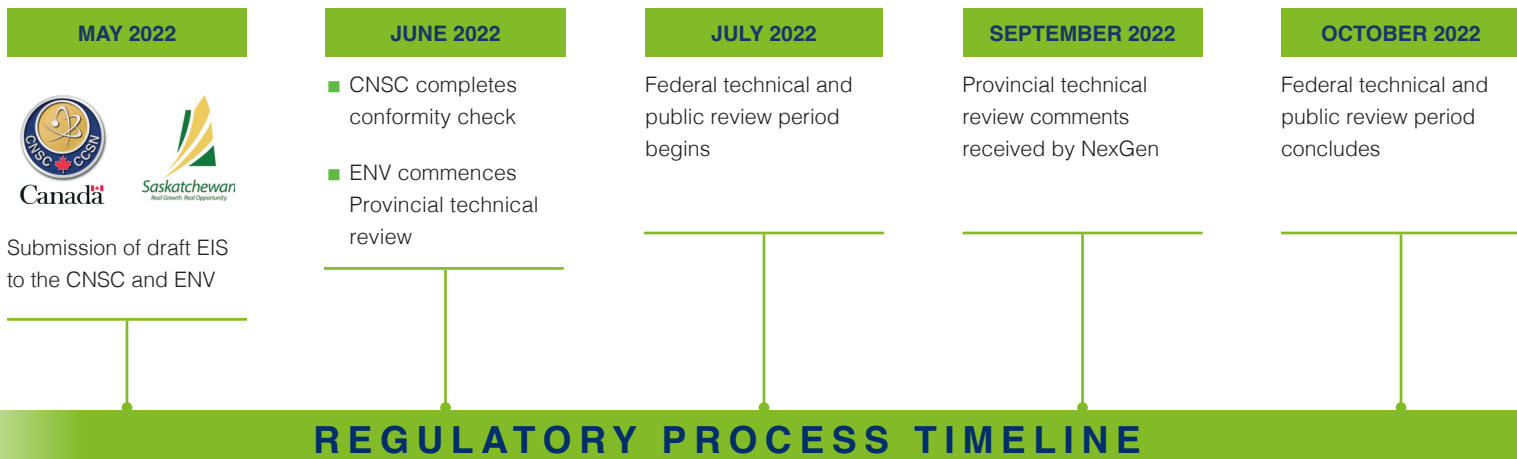
NexGen thanks the students, the chaperones, leadership, and school staff for making this experience possible. Everyone returned home with unforgettable memories and mentors for life.

Regulatory Process Updates for the Rook I Project

In May 2022, NexGen submitted the draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Rook I Project (Project) to the Federal (Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission [CNSC]) and Provincial (Saskatchewan Ministry of Environment [ENV]) regulators.

While the Federal and Provincial regulatory processes are similar, the CNSC and ENV have different processes for their respective technical review and public review activities, and for making a final decision on NexGen's environmental assessment (EA) application. To date, the draft EIS has undergone the Federal technical and public review, as well as the Provincial technical review.

As of mid-January 2023, NexGen has responded to all technical review comments received through the ENV process. As soon as confirmation has been received from the ENV that all technical review comments are resolved, a Final EIS can be submitted to the ENV. Following this, a Provincial public review period will commence and will ultimately inform a Provincial EA approval decision by the Saskatchewan Minister of Environment.



NexGen continues to advance a Federal Final EIS with the CNSC, which involves responding to all comments received during the Federal technical and public review process. Once all technical comments have been received and accepted by the CNSC, NexGen will submit the Federal Final EIS to the CNSC. CNSC staff will then develop an 'EA Report' for public review and make a recommendation to the CNSC Commission members, which will take place at a hearing. The CNSC Commission will then make a Federal EA approval decision on the Project.

What is Next in the Federal Review Process?

- NexGen finalizes responses to all technical and public review comments
- CNSC accepts NexGen's technical comment responses and NexGen submits a Final EIS to the CNSC
- CNSC staff develop an "EA Report" for public review
- CNSC Commission members conduct a public hearing
- CNSC decides whether to approve the Project

**Dates to be determined.*

What is Next in the Provincial Review Process?

- ENV coordinates public review of NexGen's Provincial Final EIS
- ENV staff make a recommendation to the Saskatchewan Minister of Environment
- Saskatchewan Minister of Environment decides whether to approve the Project EA

**Dates to be determined.*

NOVEMBER 2022

Federal technical and public comments received by NexGen

JANUARY 2023

NexGen responds to all Provincial technical comments

APRIL 2023

- NexGen continues to develop responses to all Federal technical and public comments
- NexGen prepares to submit Provincial Final EIS



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NOVEMBER 2022

NexGen funds safety ticket training in BRDN and BNDN

FEBRUARY 2023

NexGen funds safety ticket training in CRDN

MARCH 2023

Carpentry Program Graduation



Upcoming Community Events and Opportunities:

- NexGen to host CISs in LPA (tentatively planned for June 2023)
- NexGen to develop a uranium-specific digital transformation course with Morris Interactive
- NexGen to collaborate with education institutions to provide additional training programs

**Dates to be determined.*

BNDN	Birch Narrows Dene Nation
BRDN	Buffalo River Dene Nation
CIS	Community Information Sessions
CRDN	Clearwater River Dene Nation
LPA	Local Priority Area
MN-S NR2	Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Northern Region 2



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Community Engagement Updates

Engagement with local Indigenous communities in the Local Priority Area (LPA) has been foundational to the responsible development of the Rook I Project (the Project). NexGen's engagement activities have continued to evolve with the Project to foster relationships built on mutual trust and respect, with a shared vision of the Project contributing as much positivity as possible to the LPA, and beyond.

In 2019, NexGen signed Study Agreements with each of the Clearwater River Dene Nation (CRDN), Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S, on behalf of the MN-S Northern Region 2 [NR2]), Birch Narrows Dene Nation (BNDN), and Buffalo River Dene Nation (BRDN). The Study Agreements created four individual Joint Working Groups (JWGs) funded by NexGen to support the inclusion of Indigenous and Métis Knowledge throughout the environmental assessment (EA) process and the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). Through Study Agreement mechanisms, NexGen began negotiations on Benefit Agreements with each of the CRDN, MN-S (on behalf of NR2), BNDN and BRDN.



BNDN EC Meeting at NexGen's Saskatoon Office

To date, NexGen has signed Benefit Agreements with CRDN, BNDN, and BRDN, and continues to advance discussions for a Benefit Agreement with the MN-S.

The Benefit Agreements define the environmental, cultural, economic, employment, and other benefits to be provided to the communities with respect to the Project throughout its entire lifespan. The JWG activities with CRDN, BNDN, and BRDN have transitioned to be performed under the committees established by the Benefit Agreements, primarily the Implementation Committee (IC) and

Environmental Committee (EC). The MN-S JWG continues to meet at the frequency requested by the MN-S.

The ICs and ECs are made up of representatives from both NexGen and the respective Indigenous Nation.

Implementation Committees

- The ICs are responsible for implementing the Benefit Agreements, and advancing each specific article of the Agreements.
- NexGen and each Indigenous Nation have an Implementation Coordinator who is responsible for being the primary point of contact for the IC and overseeing its activities.
- The IC is also responsible for the discussion and implementation of NexGen-specific education, training, employment and contracting opportunities with NexGen.

Environmental Committees

- The ECs oversee and monitor the environmental performance of the Project and collaboratively work together on the regulatory and environmental aspects that are related to the Project and Exploration programs.
- The ECs collaborate on Provincial and Federal regulatory processes, provide feedback on the environmental protection and monitoring programs, and review and participate in environmental protection measures and preventative actions. With Project approval, the EC will continue to review the environmental performance for the life of the Project.

Throughout NexGen's early engagement on the Project, NexGen heard the importance of having community-led environmental monitoring. As part of the Benefit Agreements, NexGen funds a full-time, independent Indigenous Monitor, chosen by each of the Indigenous Nations (i.e., up to one environmental monitor per Nation). This Indigenous Monitor performs independent environmental sampling for the life of the Project and regularly reports to and attends all EC meetings.



2022 Summer Student measuring the flow rate in the water