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NexGen Hosts Canadian Hockey Legends in the Local Priority Area (LPA)

On 22 and 23 November 2023, Kirk McLean, two-time Vezina trophy finalist, Charline Labonté, four-time Olympic gold medalist, and Rod Brathwaite, one of Canada's premier youth hockey mentors, visited La Loche and Buffalo Narrows for two days of fun and inspiring skills training, mentorship and community connection!

A total of 180 students participated, representing Clearwater River Dene School, Ducharme Elementary School, Dene High School, Birch Narrows Dene Community School, Buffalo River Dene School, and Twin Lakes Community School.

Members of the public were also in attendance to cheer on the students, get autographs from Canada's hockey greats, and enjoy a community dinner together.

Thank you for the outstanding community support, and special thanks to the local arenas and their staff for making this event possible!



Participants skating in La Loche on 22 November 2023



Participants skating in Buffalo Narrows on 23 November 2023

NexGen's Youth Mentorship VIP Program in Vancouver

NexGen's second Youth Mentorship Program in partnership with the Vancouver Canucks took place 12 and 13 December 2023 at Rogers Arena in Vancouver, B.C.

Over the two day visit, participants attended the Vancouver Canucks game against the Tampa Bay Lightning, and participated in mentorship moments both on and off the ice with Vancouver Canucks players, coaches, and staff for motivational talks about the journey of a professional hockey player, as well as learning more about the behind the scenes operations of an NHL franchise, and career opportunities in sport.

We loved hosting students from Clearwater River Dene School, Birch Narrows Dene Community School, Buffalo River Dene School, Dene High School, and Twin Lakes Community School, and express our sincere appreciation to the chaperones, school staff, and community leadership for supporting the Youth Mentorship Program once again.



Students preparing for on-ice skills session at Rogers Arena as part of Youth Mentorship Program

Education, Training, and Employment Updates

NexGen Training Committee

NexGen established a Training Committee with representatives from the Local Priority Area (LPA) communities and local training institutions to discuss and implement training plans to support NexGen's current and future employment needs for the Rook I Project (Project).

PHOTO: Training Committee meeting on 18 October 2023 in Saskatoon



High School Career Presentations

In October 2023, NexGen staff, accompanied by local training institutions, visited the five high schools in the LPA to share information about the future career opportunities that will be available for the Project. Thank you to all of the students and staff for participating and welcoming us into your schools!

PHOTOS (left to right): Career presentations at Clearwater River Dene School, Buffalo River Dene School, and Birch Narrows Dene Community School



Current and Upcoming Training Programs

Applied Electrical Certificate Program

NexGen has partnered with Saskatchewan Indian Institute of Technologies (SIIT), Gabriel Dumont Institute (GDI), and Northlands College to offer an 18-week electrical program in Buffalo Narrows, which began on 29 January 2024. NexGen wishes the best of luck to those enrolled in the program!

Radiation and Environmental Technician Program

A 40-week Radiation and Environmental Technician program is being planned with Northlands College and is set to begin on 1 April 2024. NexGen will be funding 5 of the 12 seats available and has worked with the LPA Indigenous Nations and communities on student selection for the course.

Carpentry Applied Certificate Program

Eleven students from the LPA participated in this course, which was funded by NexGen and delivered by Northlands College at Dene High School in La Loche. The course began in October 2023 and concluded on 16 February 2024, where students' achievements were celebrated with a graduation ceremony. We wish the best of luck to these students in their careers.

PHOTO: *Carpentry students attending class in La Loche*



Uranium-Specific Digital Readiness Program

NexGen is developing a uranium-specific training program called a Digital Readiness Mining Pre-Employment Program. This will be a 10-week program (8 weeks in class and 2 weeks at the Rook I site). The first class is planned to begin in the fall of 2024.

If you are interested in attending any of these programs, or future training programs, please contact your local Implementation Coordinator, Band Office, or Training Committee representative.



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NexGen Receives Provincial Environmental Assessment Approval for the Rook I Project

On 8 November 2023, NexGen received Ministerial approval under *The Environmental Assessment Act* of Saskatchewan to proceed with the development of the Rook I Project (the Project).

This is a significant Project milestone that has been achieved in partnership with local Indigenous communities. NexGen is the first company in more than 20 years to receive full Provincial Environmental Assessment (EA) approval for a uranium mine and mill in Saskatchewan. The Ministerial Decision can be viewed on the Saskatchewan Ministry of Environment (ENV) website at <https://publications.saskatchewan.ca/#/categories/4212>.

With the Provincial EA approval in place, NexGen continues to advance through the Federal EA process. NexGen submitted responses to Federal technical review comments to the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) in Q4 2023, which subsequently underwent a 60-day technical review period by the CNSC and their team. NexGen received the results of this review in February 2024, and is currently developing responses to the remaining technical comments. Once complete, NexGen will be sending these responses as well as a revised Federal Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to the CNSC. Once the revised EIS is accepted by the CNSC, a public hearing will be held, followed by a Federal EA decision on the Project by the CNSC Commission members.

In addition to the positive EA decision by the ENV, the Project will be fully approved for construction to begin once NexGen receives a positive EA decision from the Federal regulators, a positive permitting decision from the Provincial regulators, and a positive licensing decision from the Federal regulators.



For more information on the Final Provincial EIS, please visit the Project website via the QR code provided or go to <https://www.saskatchewanuranium.ca>



Northern lights at the Rook I site entrance

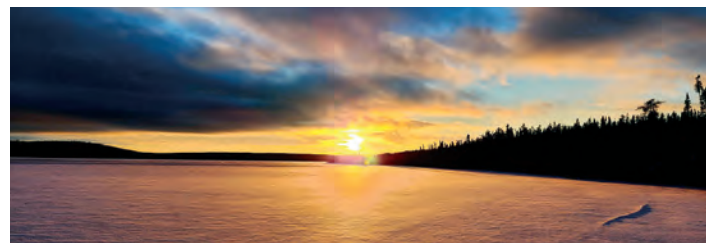
Happy New Year from NexGen!

As we transition into the spring of a new year, NexGen is reflecting on the number of milestones achieved in 2023 and all that has been accomplished together with our Indigenous partners and communities in the Local Priority Area (LPA). We are grateful to continue to work together to advance the Project to deliver on the multi-generational economic, social, and environmental benefits throughout the LPA and Saskatchewan.

It was a pleasure working with the LPA Indigenous Nations and communities throughout 2023 and we look forward to continued collaboration and meaningful engagement throughout 2024!

Thank you to all of the employees, contractors, suppliers, and community members who continue to contribute to the safe and successful execution of our programs. NexGen's exploration programs and the Project would not be possible without your continued support.

We are excited and ready for the continued success we will have together in 2024!



Sunset at Patterson Lake