



Rook I Project Update and Community Engagement Activities

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May 2024 Community Information Sessions for the Rook I Project

NexGen is excited to host its annual 2024 Community Information Sessions (CISs) about the Rook I Project (the Project) in the Local Priority Area (LPA) from 28 to 30 May 2024. The Company is ready to execute the Project once the Federal Environmental Assessment (EA) is approved. NexGen's key leadership team as well as many subject matter experts will be available at each session to share information about the Project and answer questions. This year, we look forward to sharing more information about:

- Updates on the regulatory process, including the status of the Federal EA approval and updates on Federal Licensing and Provincial permitting requirements, and;
- Education, training, and employment opportunities for LPA residents

MAY	28	Buffalo River Dene Nation Hall 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM
MAY	28	Buffalo Narrows Lakeview Complex Arena 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM
MAY	29	La Loche Friendship Centre 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM
MAY	29	Clearwater River Dene Nation Hall 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM
MAY	30	Turnor Lake Birch Narrows Community Food Centre 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Banners and poster stations set up at June 2023 CISs



June 2023 CIS at Birch Narrows Dene Nation

Similar to previous years, the CISs will be a drop-in format, with stations containing informational posters as well as NexGen personnel, who will be available to answer any questions and share information on the Project, including training and employment opportunities and how to register interest.

Dene translators will also be available to assist with translations for community members. Visitors may take a booklet and other informational materials home which summarizes the information presented on the posters.

Representatives from the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) will also be in attendance to explain their role as a regulatory agency and provide information specific to the regulatory process for the Project, as well as answer questions from community members.

Invitation cards for the CISs will be provided in the mail. Entries will be available to submit for a chance to win a door prize at each session. Refreshments will be available, and a colouring table will be set up for children. We encourage all community members to attend the sessions and are looking forward to connecting with you in your community to engage on the Project!



For more information on NexGen's previous CISs, or to download the 2023 poster booklet, please visit our website at:
<https://www.saskatchewanuranium.ca/working-with-people/default.aspx#info-sessions>

Education and Training Updates

NexGen Congratulates Graduates of the 2023-2024 Carpentry Training Program

NexGen is pleased to announce and congratulate the 11 graduating students of the 18-week Carpentry Applied Certificate Program, which ran from October 2023 to February 2024 in La Loche. The Program was fully funded by NexGen in partnership with Northlands College. The students' achievements were celebrated at a graduation ceremony on 16 February 2024. Congratulations to the graduating class and we look forward to seeing them excel in their new careers!

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| ■ Vance Breakell | ■ Jayden Janvier | ■ Daisy Janvier |
| ■ Leiham Cheecham | ■ Tylla Laprise | ■ Terra Park |
| ■ Tamron Cougan | ■ Laycen Lemaigre | ■ Corey Janvier |
| ■ Daylen Fontaine | ■ Elayna Mercredi | |



Current and Upcoming Training Programs

Applied Electrical Certificate Program – An 18-week program offered in Buffalo Narrows, which began on 29 January 2024. NexGen is proud to partner with all three northern educational institutes for the first time to deliver this course. We wish the 9 students who are currently enrolled a continued successful term.

Radiation and Environmental Technician Program – A 29-week program delivered by Northlands College which began on 2 April 2024 in Buffalo Narrows. NexGen is funding 5 seats and has worked with the Local Priority Area (LPA) Indigenous Nations and communities on student selection for this Program.

Uranium Specific Digital Readiness Program – NexGen is developing an underground mining pre-employment program which is expected to run for 10-weeks, beginning in the fall of 2024. Stay tuned for more information about this exciting course offering.

If you are interested in attending any future training programs, please contact your local Implementation Coordinator, Band Office, Training Committee representative, or drop by the NexGen office at the Dene Empowerment Centre in La Loche and we can assist you.



Students from the Applied Electrical Certificate Program in Buffalo Narrows, which began on 29 January 2024

2024 Summer Student and Scholarship Program

Summer Student Program – Secondary and post-secondary students from across the LPA will be hired to work on a rotational basis at the Rook I exploration camp once again throughout the summer, where students will be mentored by a variety of subject matter experts, as well as support community events on behalf of NexGen.

If you are interested in applying for the Summer Student Program, we invite you to visit our website to view the job posting and submit your resume and cover letter by 31 May 2024 directly to Robert St. Pierre, NexGen Project Liaison Manager, in person at the NexGen office, or by email at rstpierre@nxe-energy.ca.

Scholarship Program – Each year NexGen awards scholarships to support post-secondary education of students who are leaders in their schools and communities. If you are interested in applying for the 2024-2025 academic year, please email a request to Robert St. Pierre to receive an application, and submit your completed application by 30 June 2024. NexGen encourages all eligible applicants to apply.



2023-2024 scholarship recipients attend a Saskatchewan Roughriders game at Mosaic Stadium with NexGen

Community Engagement Updates

NexGen Hosts Students from the LPA for the Northern Prospects Experience

As part of NexGen's long-standing support for communities and youth in the Local Priority Area (LPA) through initiatives focused on mentorship, health, and wellness, NexGen partnered with the Saskatchewan Rush (National Lacrosse League) and Saskatoon Blades (Western Hockey League) to present the Northern Prospects Experience in Saskatoon to LPA youth.

On 23-24 February 2024, 14 youth from across the LPA who demonstrated outstanding commitment to their schools and communities were invited to Saskatoon to participate in a weekend of unique mentorship experiences, which included connecting with Rush and Blades players, as well as staff from across various departments in each organization, who highlighted the various careers available. The youth then attended a Saskatchewan Rush and Saskatoon Blades game each evening. During the mentorship sessions, students had the opportunity to engage in one-on-one discussions with Rush and Blades players and hear more about their experiences as athletes. The youth were also invited to participate in skill sessions on the field with Rush players, as well as present the Canadian flag during the Saskatchewan Rush versus Halifax Thunderbirds game on 24 February 2024.

NexGen would like to extend its appreciation to Asia Daongam-Lemaigre, who proudly represented her community by singing the Canadian National anthem in Dene at the Saskatoon Blades versus Brandon Wheat Kings game on 23 February 2024.



Asia Daongam-Lemaigre performing the national anthem in Dene during the Saskatoon Blades game

Saskatchewan Rush Visit LPA Schools

NexGen was pleased to again partner with the Saskatchewan Rush to bring two lacrosse players – Bobby Kidd III and Zach Manns – to visit students in Grades 4 to 6 at Clearwater River Dene School (CRDS) and Ducharme Elementary School in La Loche on 9 April 2024.

The Rush shared their experiences and detailed their journeys to advancing to the National Lacrosse League. Students then had the opportunity to participate in lacrosse skills with the players, including trying their hand at scoring a goal against the team's mascot, Rowdy!

Thank you to both schools and communities for welcoming NexGen and the Rush.



Participants of the Northern Prospects Experience with players and staff of the Saskatchewan Rush



Students participate in a mentorship session with players of the Saskatoon Blades during the Northern Prospects Experience



Students from CRDS and Ducharme Elementary participate in lacrosse drills and stretches with Rush players



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Environmental Committee Updates

2023 Seed Collection Program

In October 2023, NexGen participated in a Seed Collection Program with Clearwater River Dene School (CRDS) at the Rook I site and surrounding area. The Program supported progressive reclamation using seeds sourced locally, while building community capacity and support for climate literacy, science and action.

Students learned to identify various seed species, as well as collect, prepare, clean, and store seeds. Species collected were selected based on feedback provided from Local Priority Area (LPA) Indigenous Nations, representative species for each site, and seed availability at time of collection. Species collected included jack pine, blueberry, bearberry, and alder, among others. Reclamation trials will be ongoing as the Project advances.



Students at the Rook I site



Students participate in seed collection

Regional Traditional Food Study

NexGen and CanNorth have been engaging with Indigenous Nations and communities over the last year to advance a regional Traditional Food Study. This self-initiated study developed by NexGen is over and above any regulatory requirement and is fully supported by the LPA communities. The Study will identify the type, quantity, and location of traditional foods being consumed in northwestern Saskatchewan.

Interviews with local community members are ongoing to gain insight into these inputs. Additionally, CanNorth will be coordinating a collection of food samples through community sample drives. Specific samples sought include moose, walleye, whitefish, rabbit, grouse, duck, deer, caribou and berries. Collected samples will then be sent for testing. This collected data, along with community interviews, will inform a regional report as well as community specific reports, which will be presented to communities in Q4 2024.



Wild blueberries being collected

Project Regulatory Process Update

Following the Provincial Ministerial approval under *The Environmental Assessment Act* of Saskatchewan to proceed with the development of the Project, NexGen continues to advance both Provincial permitting and Federal licensing, which are required before the Project is fully approved. The decision to formally approve the Federal licence for the construction phase of the Project will be made by the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) following a public hearing.

The Provincial Government has established Environmental Assessment (EA) conditions that NexGen must adhere to in order to proceed with the development of the Project. NexGen continues to work with LPA Indigenous Nations and communities on a number of these conditions. The Project will be fully approved for construction to begin once NexGen receives a positive EA and Licensing decision from the Federal regulators, and necessary Provincial permits.