



Rook I Project Update and Community Engagement Activities

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Summer Student Program Update

NexGen was pleased to once again host the 2024 Summer Student Program at the Rook I site. Since 2016, the Summer Student Program has built skills and confidence in youth through employment, mentoring and training at the Rook I site and provided insight into careers available in the mining industry. This year, NexGen received 60 submissions from interested applicants, a 131% increase in the number of applications received compared to 2023 and NexGen continues to look at ways of expanding this program post-Federal approvals.

Twelve secondary students and 2 post-secondary students were hired as part of the program. An in-person orientation was held in La Loche on 28 June 2024, and the students also supported community initiatives in La Loche, such as the Canada Day BBQ and the Yanessa Days BBQ.

Thank you to the returning Summer Student Coordinators, Chantelle Herman and Alwyn Piche, and Summer Students Lucas Benjamin, Thomas Billette, Ava Haynes, Deondre Herman, Isaiah Herman, Mataya Laprise, Elizabeth Lemaigre, Traydon Lemaigre, Tyra Lemaigre, Serena McCallum, Darien Montgrand and Frayden Piche for being part of the NexGen team this summer.

We are also pleased to see opportunities for local summer students expanding through community hires by Métis Local 39 – La Loche, Métis Local 62 – Buffalo Narrows, and Buffalo River Dene Nation (BRDN). Thank you to the three students who were hired by each Nation to support local programming and Elders in their communities this summer.

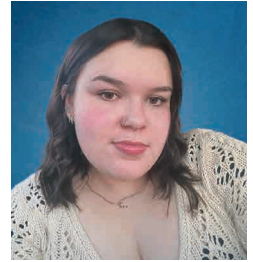


Summer Students complete their first work rotation at Rook I

Congratulations to the 2024-2025 Scholarship Program Recipients



Ava Haynes
Clearwater River
Biology at the University of Saskatchewan



Emily Hanson
Buffalo Narrows
Combined Laboratory & X-Ray Technician at Saskatchewan Polytechnic



Connor Clarke
Buffalo Narrows
Biomedical Science at the University of Saskatchewan
Don Hovdebo Memorial Scholarship Recipient



Jordyn Jacobson
Buffalo River Dene Nation
Biology at the University of Saskatchewan

NexGen is pleased to award four scholarships, including the Don Hovdebo Memorial Scholarship, which has been awarded to Connor Clarke in recognition of Connor's exceptional commitment to his community. The Scholarship Program supports students in pursuing post-secondary education, developing skills, and positively impacting their communities. There have been 30 scholarships awarded by NexGen since starting this program in 2017.

We thank all applicants and encourage eligible students to apply again in the future. If you would like feedback on your application, please contact Robert St. Pierre at the NexGen office in La Loche in the Dene Empowerment Centre. Congratulations to Ava Haynes, Connor Clarke, Emily Hanson, and Jordyn Jacobson. All the best to you in your studies and we look forward to watching your growth!

Education, Training, and Employment Updates

Congratulations to Graduates of the 2024 Applied Certificate Programs



Eight graduates of the Applied Electrical Certificate Program

Held from January to June 2024 in Buffalo Narrows, the program was delivered by Saskatchewan Indian Institute of Technologies (SIIT) and Northlands College and funded by Gabriel Dumont Institute (GDI) and NexGen.

- Tischa Ballantyne
- Colten Billette
- Hayden Fontaine
- James Hebig
- Justin Montgrand
- Landon Jolibois
- Aaron Laprise
- Barry Smith



Eight graduates of the Carpentry Applied Certificate Program

Held from April to June 2024 in Birch Narrows Dene Nation (BNDN)/Turnor Lake, the program was delivered by Lotus Learning and funded by the BNDN, Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Northern Region 2 (MN-S NR2), and NexGen.

- Jaiden Daigneault
- Jarrid Daigneault
- Owen Favier
- Austin Laprise
- Carissa Montgrand
- Samantha Marceland
- Matayo Montgrand
- Drayden Sylvester

We wish all the graduates the best in their future endeavors!

Pathways to Your Future: Career Development in Uranium Mining* – A 10-week underground mining pre-employment training program will be offered in Buffalo Narrows in fall 2024 for local residents, with additional courses to be offered throughout the Local Priority Area (LPA). The training program provides a holistic look into working at a uranium mine and offers participants a clear pathway to a meaningful career in the mining industry. Contact your Nation leadership or NexGen if you are interested in this valuable program.

Carpentry Applied Certificate Program* – A 10-week Carpentry Applied Certificate Program delivered by Lotus Learning in BRDN/Dillon will begin in October 2024, funded by BRDN and MN-S NR2, in conjunction with NexGen.

LPA Indigenous Nation Safety Ticket Training*

- Sixteen Safety (BRDN business partner) continues to offer safety ticket training courses in Dillon and Turnor Lake.
- Carbon Medical Services (Clearwater River Dene Nation [CRDN] business partner) are offering safety ticket training courses beginning in August 2024 on an ongoing basis.



If you are interested in any future training programs, please contact your local Implementation Coordinator, Band Office, or Training Committee representative, or visit the NexGen office in La Loche for assistance.

Stay tuned for more updates on these course offerings.

Community Engagement Updates

Saskatchewan Roughriders Visit LPA Schools

On 8 May 2024, NexGen partnered with the Saskatchewan Roughriders to bring players Shawn Bane Jr., and Kian Schaffer-Baker, and mascot Gainer to visit students in Grades 7 to 9 at Buffalo River Dene School (BRDS) in Dillon and Dene High School in La Loche to talk about the power of positivity and the opportunities that are ahead for those that develop as leaders. Thank you to both schools for welcoming us. We look forward to continued opportunities to inspire youth to pursue their dreams.



BRDS (left) and Dene High (right) students participate in football drills with Roughrider players

2024 Back to Batoche Days – NexGen contributed to the 2024 Back to Batoche Days in partnership with the MN-S NR2, which was held from 18 to 21 July 2024. NexGen staff participated in the opening ceremony and enjoyed various cultural activities.

National Indigenous Peoples Day – NexGen contributed to and attended the National Indigenous Peoples Day Celebration hosted by the Northern Village of La Loche and Métis Local 39 on 21 June 2024. NexGen appreciated celebrating Indigenous peoples' rich cultural heritage, traditions, and contributions.



Opening ceremony of the 2024 Back to Batoche Days festival

May 2024 Community Information Sessions for the Rook I Project

NexGen was pleased to host the 2024 Community Information Sessions (CISs) for the Rook I Project (Project) in the Local Priority Area (LPA) from 28 to 31 May 2024 in Dillon/BRDN, Buffalo Narrows, La Loche, CRDN, and Turnor Lake/BNDN. Nineteen of NexGen's subject matter experts, including Vice Presidents, were present at each session to share information about the Project and engage with community members.

This year, we shared all information with the LPA communities about:

- updates on the regulatory process and the status of the Federal Environmental Assessment (EA);
- licensing and permitting requirements; and,
- education, training, and employment opportunities for LPA residents.

The CISs were drop-in events at venues in each community, featuring stations with posters and informational materials. Three NexGen staff fluent in Dene assisted with translations for community members, and visitors could take home a booklet summarizing the information presented on the posters.

Representatives from the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) were also in attendance to explain their role as a Federal regulatory agency, provide information specific to the regulatory process for the Project, and answer questions from community members. There were also representatives from regional training institutions including GDI, SIIT, and Northlands College in attendance.

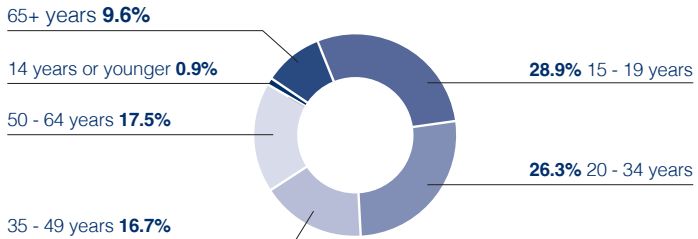
This year, nearly 120 community members registered their attendance, including high school and post-secondary students from various NexGen programs. We appreciated the thoughtful discussions about topics such as education, training and employment initiatives, expected timelines for the Project, the NexGen Summer Student and Scholarship Programs, and environmental protection, among many others.

Thank you to everyone for attending the sessions and connecting with us in your community on the Project. Thank you also to the Leadership and community members who welcomed us into their communities and prepared delicious meals for all to enjoy. Marci cho'!

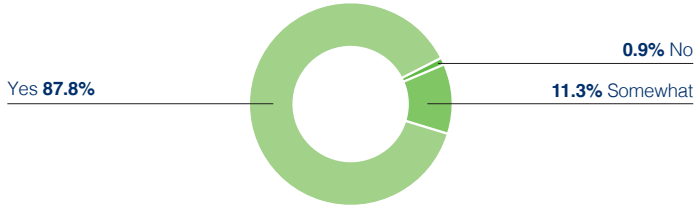


For more information on NexGen's CISs, or to download the 2024 information booklet, please visit our website at: <https://www.saskatchewanuranium.ca/working-with-people/default.aspx#info-sessions>

Local Priority Area CIS 2024 Attendance by Age Group



Were you satisfied with the level of information at the CIS about the NexGen and the Rook I Project?



From top left to right: CIS in Buffalo Narrows, CIS in BRDN, CIS in CRDN, CIS in BNDN, CIS in La Loche.



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Project Regulatory Process Update

Following the Provincial Ministerial approval to proceed with the development of the Rook I Project (Project) under *The Environmental Assessment Act* of Saskatchewan, NexGen continues to advance both provincial permitting and federal licensing, which are required before the Project is fully approved.

The Provincial Government has set Environmental Assessment (EA) conditions that NexGen adhere to in order to proceed with the Project's development. NexGen continues to work with Local Priority Area (LPA)

Indigenous Nations and communities. The Project will be fully approved for construction to begin once NexGen receives confirmation of EA and a Licensing decision from the Federal regulators (CNSC).

NexGen has responded to all comments received from the Federal EA technical and public review of the Project Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) submitted by NexGen in May 2022 and is ready to commence activities upon receipt from the CNSC that the EA is finalized. We are ready!

Federal Approval Key Dates

30 June 2023

NexGen submitted the final components of the Federal licence application for the construction phase of the Project.

1 September 2023

After a 60-day sufficiency review, the application was accepted by the CNSC. The Federal licence decision will be made following a public hearing, which will be a joint EA and licensing hearing. The date is yet to be set.

5 September 2023

NexGen submitted responses to all 274 Federal technical review comments (also known as "information requests" or "IRs") to the CNSC.

12 February 2024

The CNSC Federal-Indigenous Review Team (FIRT) completed their review:

- 171 responses were accepted.
- 55 responses were conditionally accepted, pending submission of a revised EIS.
- 48 responses required follow-up information.
- 1 new information request was made related to an existing comment.
- 40 'advice to proponent' comments addressed: 39 accepted, 1 remained open.
- 7 new 'advice to proponent' comments were received.

21 May 2024

NexGen submitted responses to all outstanding comments along with a revised Federal EIS to the CNSC.

21 June 2024

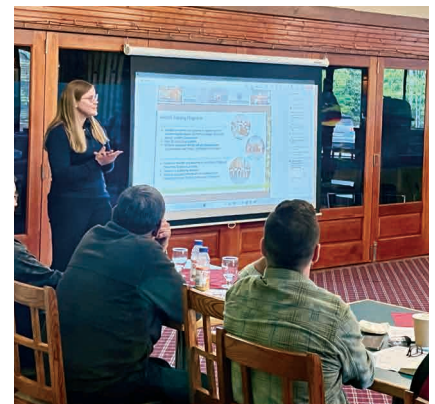
The CNSC completed a 30-day completeness check, and a prescribed technical review of up to 60-days commenced, after which the CNSC will confirm if all comments are resolved and deem the EIS final.

Northern Saskatchewan Environmental Quality Committee (NSEQC)

The NSEQC is a partnership between the Provincial Government, Indigenous Nations, Métis communities, northern municipalities, and the mining sector which meets quarterly to provide a collaborative forum for mutual understanding of regional mining developments, with a focus on environmental protection.

NexGen attended the quarterly NSEQC meeting in La Ronge on 4 June 2024 to provide a Project update to the committee, which included updates on the progress of the Provincial and Federal EA approvals for the Project, NexGen's licensing application to the CNSC, and the education and training initiatives NexGen is leading.

We appreciated the opportunity to present on the Project and engage in many positive discussions with attendees. We look forward to continued participation in NSEQC meetings moving forward.



NexGen presenting at the 4 June 2024 NSEQC meeting