



Rook I Project Community Newsletter

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NexGen Receives Commission Hearing Dates for the Rook I Project

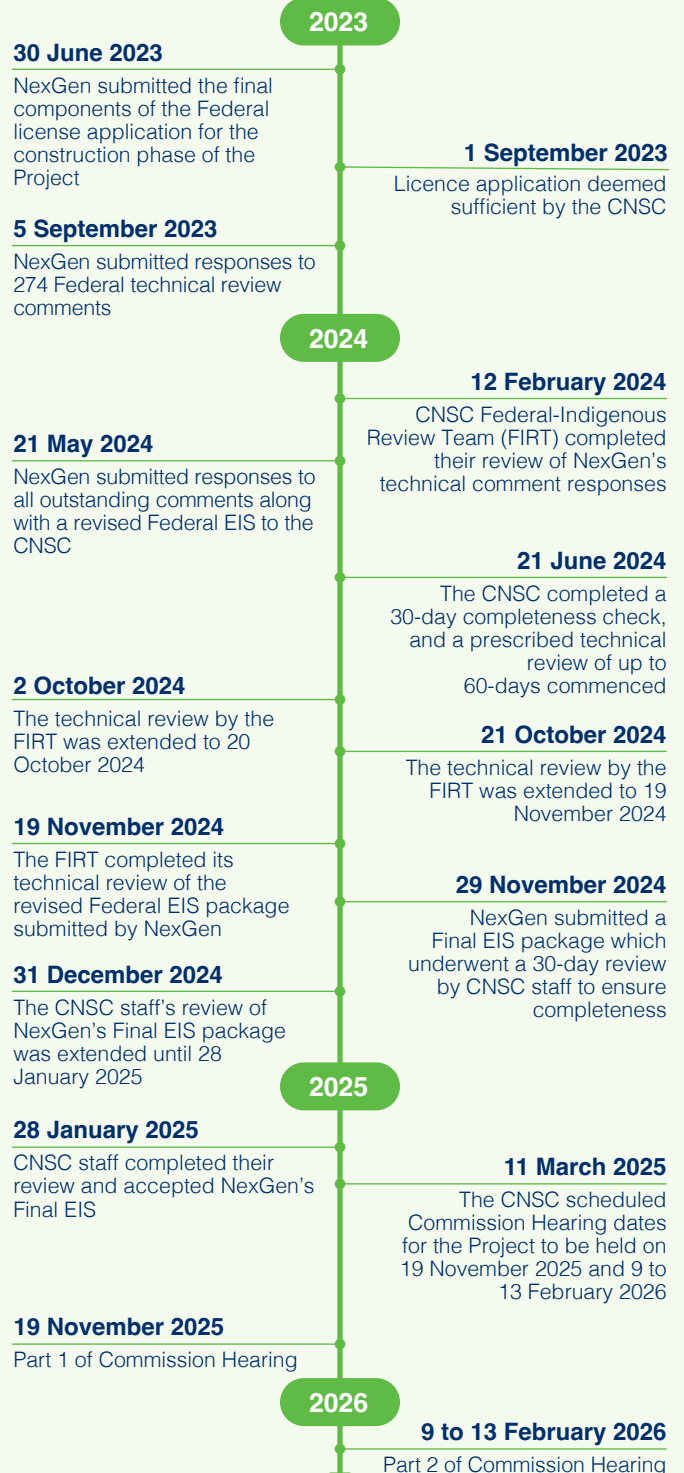
On 11 March 2025, the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) announced that a two-part Commission Hearing has been scheduled for the Rook I Project (Project) on 19 November 2025 and 9 to 13 February 2026. Some of the local Nations have voiced strong disapproval of the delayed dates given that all aspects of the Project have been reviewed and fully signed off by all stakeholders, including the CNSC technical reviewers. This announcement follows the CNSC's completion of its technical review and confirmed acceptance of the Project Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on 28 January 2025. Further, it comes 18-months after Provincial Environmental Assessment (EA) approval. With the Federal EA technical review concluded and NexGen's licence application deemed sufficient in September 2023, the Commission Hearing is the final step in the approval process for the Project.

We appreciate the continued support of our Indigenous Nation partners and LPA communities in achieving this milestone together, and we look forward to connecting with those who are interested in participating in the Commission Hearing and sharing more information on how to prepare and participate in the process.



Rook I site in Summer 2024

Federal Approval Key Dates



Upcoming Programs for Students

Summer Student Program – NexGen is hiring secondary and post-secondary students from the Local Priority Area (LPA) this summer into roles that will provide students with experience in certain careers in mining at the Rook I site and support good stewardship in their communities. Students will receive mentorship from subject matter experts on-site and support local programming and community events on behalf of NexGen.

To apply, we invite you to visit <https://careers.nexgenenergy.ca/> to view the job posting, and submit your application for the Summer Student position by 23 May 2025. Please note that all applicants must be registered in NexGen's Export Data platform to qualify. See the next page for details on how to register for the platform.

Scholarship Program – Each year NexGen awards scholarships to support post-secondary education of students from the LPA who demonstrate consistent and comprehensive leadership qualities in school and their communities. If you are interested in applying for a scholarship for the 2025-2026 academic year, please email a request to Robert St. Pierre to receive a link to apply and submit your completed application in Export Data by 25 June 2025. NexGen encourages all eligible applicants to apply.



Students participate in a mentorship session with Canucks players during the Youth Mentorship Program on 11 December 2024

Community Engagement Updates

NexGen Hosts Hockey Legends at the 2025 Local Priority Area (LPA) Tour 28/29 January

Following another successful Youth Mentorship Program in Vancouver with the Canucks, NexGen returned to the LPA with hockey legends Kirk McLean, two-time Vezina trophy finalist, Charline Labonté, four-time Olympic gold medalist, and Rod Braithwaite, Canadian leader in youth hockey development, to offer inspiring skills training and mentorship to youth from the LPA in Birch Narrows Dene Nation (BNDN) and Buffalo River Dene Nation (BRDN).

More than 100 local youth participated in the skill sessions, 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.

Thank you to the parents, teachers, and community members who joined us to support and cheer on the youth, and enjoy a dinner together. Our sincere appreciation also goes to local communities and arena staff for hosting us all and making this event possible!



Students participate in skill sessions during the 2025 LPA Tour in BNDN (above) and BRDN (below)

NexGen Hosts LPA Students for the Northern Prospects Experience

From 28 February 2025 to 3 March 2025, NexGen proudly hosted the Northern Prospects Experience in Saskatoon with the Saskatchewan Rush (National Lacrosse League) and Saskatoon Blades (Western Hockey League). Recognized for their dedication to school and community, 14 LPA youth engaged in mentorship sessions with athletes, emphasizing the importance of health and wellness. The youth also participated in skill sessions on the field with Rush players and attended both Rush and Blades games, cheering enthusiastically each night.

NexGen would like to extend its appreciation to Asia Daongam-Lemaigre, who once again proudly represented her community by singing the Canadian National anthem in Dene at the Saskatoon Blades versus Edmonton Oil Kings game on 2 March 2025. Thank you to the chaperones, school staff, as well as the Rush and Blades for ensuring this program has a meaningful impact on the future leaders in the LPA!



Youth on the field at the 1 March 2025 Saskatchewan Rush game

Education and Training Updates

Export Data Days Held in LPA Communities

From 14 to 16 January 2025 and on 6 March 2025, NexGen, along with Community Export Data leads, facilitated information sessions in their communities about the **Export Data** platform — a skills and inventory business registration database offering individuals the opportunity to create a profile, manage their resumes and store their acquired tickets and certifications, and access available job offerings. We were pleased to connect with and assist 81 community members in setting up a profile and share more information about the benefits of utilizing the platform.

Export Data is a critical tool for community members to connect to businesses and maximize their employment and contracting opportunities, as well as training objectives. We encourage everyone to understand and build their profiles to ensure NexGen is able to continue to maximize opportunities for the LPA. If you have any questions about Export Data, please reach out to your Community Export Data Lead noted below or Robert St. Pierre, or visit the QR code to begin creating a profile:

- **Alexis St. Pierre** – Clearwater River Dene Nation (CRDN)
- **Brooke Campbell/Nasha Spence** – Buffalo River Dene Nation (BRDN)
- **Rodney Laprise** – Birch Narrows Dene Nation (BNDN)
- **Raymond Laliberte** – Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Northern Region II (MN-S NR2)



Scan this QR code to begin creating your profile in Export

NexGen Congratulates Graduates of Recently Completed Training Program

NexGen is pleased to be supporting the ongoing delivery of programs for skills training and career development for community members in the LPA. Congratulations to these 7 participants on the successful completion of their program. All the best in your future endeavours!

Pathways to Your Future – Held in CRDN, delivered by Morris Interactive in partnership with NexGen.

- Jasmine Sylvestre
- Miranden Laprise
- Patron Herman
- Nicolas Herman
- Jae Boucher
- Jeno Boucher
- Austin Haineault



Export Data Day in BNDN on 6 March 2025



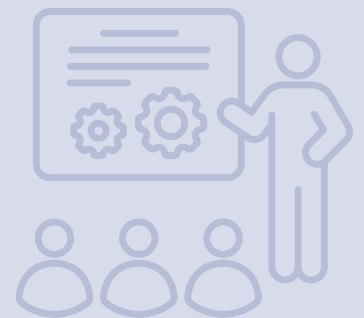
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The Indigenous Marketplace

Completed Training Programs

- ✓ Carpentry Applied Certificate Program (La Loche – October 2022)
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- ✓ Applied Electrical Certificate Program (Buffalo Narrows – January 2024)
- ✓ Carpentry Applied Certificate Program (Birch Narrows Dene Nation – April 2024)
- ✓ Radiation and Environmental Technician Program (Buffalo Narrows – April 2024)
- ✓ Pathways to Your Future (Buffalo Narrows – October 2024)
- ✓ Carpentry Applied Certificate Program (Buffalo River Dene Nation – October 2024)
- ✓ Pathways to Your Future (CRDN – January 2025)
- ✓ Industrial Mechanics (Millwright) Program (La Loche – January 2025)
- ✓ Safety Ticket Training: Transportation of Dangerous Goods, WHMIS, First Aid CPR-AED, Ground Disturbance, Hydrogen Sulfide Safety Training, Brush Saw Operator, Chainsaw Operator (Various Locations and Dates)

Current Programs

- Radiation and Environmental Technician Program (Buffalo Narrows – January 2025)
- Plumbing and Pipefitting Program (Buffalo Narrows – February 2025)
- Tiny Homes Project (La Loche – March 2025)
- Pathways to Your Future (BNDN - April 2025)





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Education and Training Updates continued

Training Working Group

NexGen thanks the membership of the regional Training Working Group for meeting on 26 February 2025 in Saskatoon. The Training Working Group was established for the Rook I Project (Project), which includes representatives from the Saskatchewan Apprenticeship and Trade Certification Commission, Meadow Lake Tribal Council, the Local Priority Area (LPA) communities, and local training institutions. The Training Working Group meets on a quarterly basis to discuss and implement long-term training plans to support NexGen's current and future employment needs for each phase of the Project.

At this meeting, we appreciated the opportunity to discuss community training needs and inventories, as well as utilizing existing community infrastructure for ongoing training programs. NexGen and the Northern Lights School Division have partnered to provide access to a shop space at Dene High School in La Loche for the next four years to meet training needs; the shop is currently scheduled for use throughout all of 2025 and into 2026.

Upcoming Training Programs



Pathways to Your Future

- Coming in Fall 2025 in La Loche

Stay tuned for more information and updates on these course offerings. If you are interested in attending any upcoming or future training programs, please contact your local Implementation Coordinator, Band Office, or Training Working Group representative, or drop by the NexGen office in La Loche, and we can assist you. We also encourage you to register for and create your profile on Export Data to keep up to date with local employment opportunities.



Students from the CRDN Pathways to Your Future Program



Building Skills for the Future

NexGen is committed to supporting the Project's local communities by providing training opportunities now so residents can gain valuable skills and qualifications for future opportunities. By preparing early, community members can position themselves for a range of career opportunities that will be available at the Project, not just entry-level positions. Stay tuned for more details on ongoing training opportunities and offerings!

