



**Written submission from the
Northern Village of Ile-a-la-Crosse**

**Mémoire du
Northern Village of Ile-a-la-Crosse**

In the Matter of the

À l'égard de

**Cameco Corporation, Rabbit Lake
Operation**

**Cameco Corporation, établissement de
Rabbit Lake**

Application for the renewal of uranium
mine/mill licence for Rabbit Lake Operation

Demande visant le renouvellement du permis
d'exploitation de mine et d'usine de
concentration d'uranium pour l'établissement
de Rabbit Lake

Commission Public Hearing

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Intervention letter in support of Cameco's renewal application for uranium mines and mills licences for the McArthur River, Key Lake, and Rabbit Lake operations.

On Behalf of the Northern Village of Ile-a-la Crosse, I am pleased to provide this letter of support to Cameco Corporation on their 20-year licence application for the McArthur River, Key Lake and Rabbit Lake operations.

This Métis village is situated at the end of a peninsula that stretches into Lac Ile-a-la-Crosse. The Cree name for Ile-a-la-Crosse is Sakitawak which means "the place where the river flows out. Approximately 1,300 people live in the community, and most are Métis.

During the licence term, Key Lake, McArthur River, and Rabbit Lake safely transitioned into a safe state of care and maintenance and Key Lake and McArthur River have transitioned back into production. We want to commend Cameco for implementing strong management systems that ensure the health and safety of workers and the public, as well as protect the environment.

We support Cameco's application because throughout the licence term:

- Workers were safe and properly protected.
- There were no releases that harmed the environment or health and safety of people nearby.
- All treated water released from the facilities met regulatory requirements and was safe.
- Environmental monitoring consistently showed that fish and plants were safe to eat.

We want to acknowledge the company for the proactive precautionary measures it took during the COVID-19 pandemic to ensure the safety of its workers, their families, and our communities. So many were hit hard by the pandemic and Cameco provided support to many community projects through its \$1 million COVID-19 Relief Fund.

Cameco engaged with northern communities to keep us well informed of its activities. The company amended its indefinite licence application to a 20-year term in response to the uncertainty raised by northern communities.

We want to recognize Cameco for the continued dialogue and the priority it puts on its relationships with northern Saskatchewan communities – working with leaders to ensure meaningful engagement.

Sincerely,

Duane Favel, Mayor
CC: Council Members