



Date: 2025-01-08

**Written Submission from the  
Northern Village of Buffalo  
Narrows**

In the matter of

**NexGen Energy Ltd.**

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License application to prepare a site for  
and construct its Rook I uranium mine and  
mill project

**Commission Public Hearing**

February 2026

**Mémoire du  
Northern Village of Buffalo  
Narrows**

À l'égard de

**NexGen Energy Ltd.**

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Demande de permis concernant la  
préparation de l'emplacement et la  
construction de son projet de mine et  
d'usine de concentration d'uranium Rook I

**Audience publique de la Commission**

Février 2026

January 8, 2026

Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission  
280 Slater Street  
Ottawa, ON K1P 5S9

Re: Written Intervention Submission for the Rook I Project – NexGen Energy Ltd. (CMD 25-H12) from the Northern Village of Buffalo Narrows

Dear CNSC Commission Members,

This written intervention is put forth by the Northern Village of Buffalo Narrows located in the Local Priority Area (LPA) of the Rook I Project. This written submission is in support of the Rook I Project being developed by NexGen Energy.

Buffalo Narrows is strong northern Saskatchewan Métis community. The community is situated in Northwest Saskatchewan, along highway 155. Highway 155 is the access corridor for traffic from south Saskatchewan which connects to Highway 955 from La Loche north to the Rook I Project.

Buffalo Narrows has supported the mining industry for many years but has not truly had the opportunity to see the tangible benefits that this industry can offer. These benefits of training, careers and supporting business opportunities have not been realized since the closure of the Cluff Lake Mine in 2002. With the majority of the mines being located on the east side of the Athabasca Basin, it is great to see a company like NexGen developing what will be staple for employment and supporting business opportunities for our community. We have seen local businesses being utilized since 2014 to support NexGen's exploration programs, and over the past few years the training programs that NexGen has implemented right in our communities are setting a foundation so our citizens will be ready to take advantage of the employment opportunities for the construction and ultimately for when the mine is in full production.

NexGen, even though they are not an operating mining company yet, have built a strong relationship with communities of the LPA and specifically with Buffalo Narrows. Our community has seen NexGen support community events, school functions and culturally important activities throughout the years they have been

exploring in the northwest. We look forward to what NexGen can do once they are in production!

NexGen has engaged with our leadership since 2014 through update meetings on their exploration programs, and as recently as delivering their update to myself and our council on the proposed mine development and the status of the regulatory process of the Rook I Project in 2025. From the first meeting to our most recent meeting NexGen has informed us on the Project in detail and continues to keep us informed on the advancement of the Rook I Project. At these meetings and the annual Community Information Sessions we always have the opportunity to ask questions and raise our interests or concerns to NexGen. This type of engagement and communication from industry is much more engaging and collaborative than we have seen in the past and NexGen has committed to us that this will occur throughout the life of the Rook I Project.

With what NexGen has provided us to date through their transparent and honest approach to engagement, we are confident that they will deliver this Project with highest levels of safety and environmental stewardship. It is with this and the commitment by NexGen to continue to fully engage and support Buffalo Narrows for the life of the mine that we are proud to support the development of the Rook I Project.

Regards,



Mayor Shaylee Gardiner

Northern Village of Buffalo Narrows