



Date: 2025-01-09

**Written Submission from the
Northern Settlement of Bear Creek**

**Mémoire de
l'Établissement nordique de Bear
Creek**

In the matter of

À l'égard de

NexGen Energy Ltd.

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

NexGen Energy Ltd.

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

Commission Public Hearing

Audience publique de la Commission

February 2026

Février 2026

January 7, 2026

Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission

Re: Written Submission from the Northern Settlement of Bear Creek in Support of the Rook I Project

To Whom it May Concern,

The Northern Settlement of Bear Creek is writing to share its support for the Rook I Project and NexGen Energy Ltd.

Bear Creek is a northern settlement where people rely on the land and also rely on opportunities that allow us to stay in the north. To get to the site, you must drive right by our community. We have received information about the Rook I Project and have been made aware of engagement activities taking place in our local communities. NexGen has demonstrated to our community time and time again that they are more than capable of building and operating this new uranium mine while keeping engagement and the safety of the local people a top priority. This is much different than our past experience with uranium mines.

I am also the Métis Local President of Bear Creek, and through that role have had the opportunity to be engaged by NexGen as part of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Northern Region 2. I have witnessed the engagement conducted by NexGen with the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Northern Region 2, recognizing our Métis Homeland and rights. The Study Agreement, the Joint Working Group, the Traditional Land Use Study, and the participation and collaboration in all of the regulatory processes have all provided the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Northern Region 2 communities to be involved in the Rook I Project from day one and throughout the entire process. NexGen heard our concerns and worked with us to address all of our questions. They continue to take our suggestions and shared knowledge seriously. The Impact Benefit Agreement was signed in June 2023, and with that, I know that this engagement will continue throughout the life of the mine while bringing benefits to our communities.

Employment and training opportunities are important to our residents. Access to jobs and opportunities for local businesses will help the people in our region and will help to strengthen our community. We are encouraged by the fact that NexGen has already included northern workers and businesses in their exploration activities and that successful training programs have already helped local residents prepare their skillsets for new job opportunities. Preparing the next generation for this opportunity is of utmost importance – this is something that we have communicated to NexGen and something that they have taken very seriously.

I am in support of the Rook I Project and its approval – I am confident in NexGen's engagement and environmental stewardship and know that this mine will bring positive change to our region, at a time where globally the cost of living continues to rise. We are excited for the opportunities that this project will bring. I urge this Commission to consider these facts and points of view and to approve the Rook I Project.

Sincerely,



Mayor Dean Herman

Northern Settlement of Bear Creek