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Supplementary Information

Presentation from Clearwater River Dene Nation

In the matter of

NexGen Energy Ltd.

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

Commission Public Hearing Part 2

February 2026

Renseignements supplémentaires

Présentation de la Nation des Dénés de Clearwater River

À l'égard de

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

Audience publique de la Commission Partie 2

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Clearwater River Dene Nation Oral Presentation

CNSC Part 2 Public Hearing for the NexGen Rook I Project

February 9-13, 2026



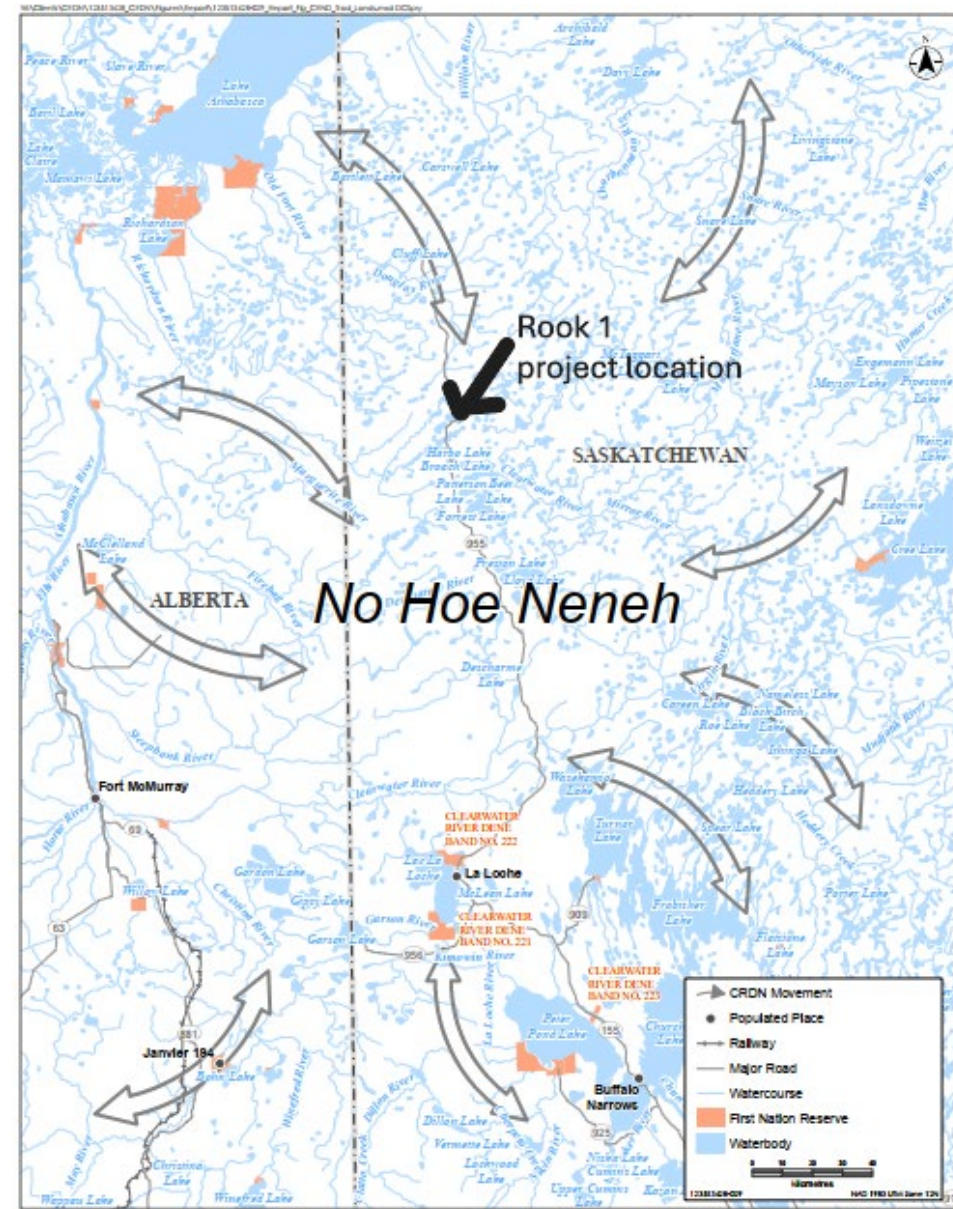
Overview

- I. Background
- II. CRDN's Participation in the Project Review Process
- III. CRDN's Informed View on the Project and Provision of Consent



I. Background

- The Project is located 120 km north from the main CRDN reserve, closest to the Project of any First Nation
- The Project is at the heart of CRDN's traditional lands
- CRDN members have a deep connection to the land and have historically used, and continue to use, the lands in the Project area
 - Example: CRDN families and members have cabins in the area



Traditional Lands as Understood and Conveyed by CRDN Elders. Source: CRDN IRKS.

Traditional Land Uses in Project Area

- The Clearwater River watershed, including Patterson Lake, are the cultural and spiritual heartland of CRDN
- CRDN people's way of life depended on the lands, waters, and natural resources, and the ability to pass knowledge to successive generations
- CRDN community land use patterns in the Patterson Lake area are intense, frequent, and consistent over time

Current Land Uses in Project Area

- CRDN members continue to occupy, travel through, and harvest within the Project area
- CRDN families depend on CRDN's traditional lands for cultural, sustenance, livelihood, spiritual, and socioeconomic purposes
 - CRDN families rely on traditional lands and the Patterson Lake area "to put food on the table"
- For the CRDN community to continue as Dene People, they must have continued access to ecologically healthy and stable areas

CRDN: Challenging & Changing Past Industry Practice

- CRDN's past experience of uranium industry – exclusion
- CRDN was not meaningfully involved – e.g. Cluff Lake Mine
- Renewed industry interest in the Patterson Corridor prompted CRDN to challenge and change past practices and outcomes



Patterson Lake. Source: CRDN Community Newsletter, November 2021.

CRDN: Challenging & Changing Past Industry Practice (continued)

- CRDN's goal is to proactively engage the Crown and industry to ensure new projects are ecologically and culturally sustainable
- CRDN's test: new projects must support community ecological and cultural priorities, and support community cultural, health, social, wellness, education, and income needs

II. CRDN Participation in the Rook I Project Review Process

- CRDN took a proactive approach to ensure its meaningful participation throughout the Project review process, including:
 - Obtaining capacity funding from NexGen and the Crown
 - Engaging legal counsel to protect CRDN's rights
 - Commissioning an independent consultant to conduct the Indigenous Rights and Knowledge Survey with community input
 - Completing due diligence on Project impacts
 - Securing agreements addressing impacts on CRDN's rights
 - Evaluating impacts on CRDN's rights, culture, interests, and socio-economic benefits
 - Participating actively in document review, hearings, bi-lateral meetings and the technical review
 - Negotiating binding conditions with NexGen to safeguard future rights and interests

NexGen Engagement Process with CRDN



Students from Clearwater River Dene School collecting seeds at the Rook I Project site, 2024. Source: NexGen.

- NexGen engaged CRDN from 2013 to present, including in-person meetings, calls, site tours, and exchange of letters and documents
- NexGen has also committed to ongoing engagement
- NexGen and CRDN entered into agreements to:
 1. Fund CRDN's participation in the environmental assessment process, including the completion of a community-led Indigenous Rights and Knowledge Survey ("IRKS")
 2. Provide long-term socioeconomic benefits to CRDN from the Project

CRDN's Indigenous Rights and Knowledge Survey ("IRKS")

- The IRKS documents CRDN's relationship with the lands as they exist today and as they have existed for generations, informed by interviews and workshops with community members and families
- CRDN members continue to occupy, travel through, and harvest within and around the Project footprint in ways that are central to the structure of family life, cultural transmission, and governance responsibilities
- The IRKS confirms the intense and ongoing cultural connection of the CRDN community to the Project area and Patterson Lake area

CRDN's Technical Review of the Environmental Impact Statement ("EIS")

- CRDN was actively involved during the development and the review of the draft EIS
- CRDN sought and received reasonable capacity funding from CNSC to support its participation
- CRDN provided information requests for the draft EIS related to:
 - Indigenous engagement
 - Project design and reclamation and decommissioning plans
 - Adaptive management strategies
 - Monitoring programs with CRDN participation
 - Stress impacts on community well-being from uranium mining on CRDN's traditional lands
 - Food security and traditional diet
 - Employment opportunities

CRDN's Technical Review of the EIS (continued)

- CRDN also participated in a Federal-Indigenous Review Team (“**FIRT**”) technical review of the draft EIS
- The FIRT provided information requests and advice to NexGen
- CRDN concluded that NexGen had adequately addressed CRDN's concerns, issues, and information requests in the final EIS



CRDN Community, 2023. Source: NexGen.

Comments on Consultation Report and Environmental Assessment Report

- CRDN provided comments on drafts of the CNSC's Consultation Report, Environmental Assessment Report, and issue tracking document
- CRDN has concluded that CNSC staff have adequately addressed CRDN's issues and concerns
 - CNSC staff have proposed binding project conditions to formalize NexGen's commitments to CRDN
 - Such commitments address impacts to CRDN's rights and interests

Comments on Draft Rights Impact Assessment (“RIA”)

- CRDN provided comments to CNSC staff on the draft RIA for the Project
- CRDN had raised concerns about Project impacts on:
 - water quality
 - recent declines in moose and caribou
 - loss of access to traditional lands
 - avoidance behaviours
- CRDN, CNSC staff, and NexGen considered potential impacts to CRDN's rights and culture, which went beyond an assessment of bio-physical and social effects

Comments on Draft RIA (continued)



Community Information Session in CRDN, 2023. Source: NexGen.

- CRDN agrees with the proposed conclusion of the draft RIA that the Project is not likely to cause significant adverse effects on CRDN's rights if all commitments, mitigation measures, follow-up programs, and Project conditions are implemented

Impact Benefit Agreement (“IBA”) With NexGen

- CRDN and NexGen developed and negotiated an IBA
- Features of the IBA and resulting CRDN initiatives:
 - Ongoing involvement in oversight over the life cycle of the Project
 - Ongoing involvement in mitigation and offset planning and implementation over the life cycle of the Project
 - Community member taking lead in oversight of Project monitoring with NexGen
 - Employment, training, and educational provisions
 - Elder support
 - Procurement measures
 - Revenues from Project operational phase to be managed for benefit of community as a whole

III. CRDN's Informed View on the Project and Provision of Consent

- Taking into account NexGen's engagement, CNSC consultation, and all commitments and conditions, CRDN arrived at an informed view that CRDN's rights and interests have been addressed and accommodated and that steps toward reconciliation are present
- The IBA and CNSC conditions allow a secure role for CRDN community members in monitoring, mitigation, and offset programs to ensure CRDN's ecological, cultural, and social goals are being met
- CRDN has provided its consent for the Rook I Project

Questions



Flags at Rook I Site. Source: NexGen.