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**Written Submission from
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**Mémoire de
Barbara Hannah de l'école
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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

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RE: Support Letter for NexGen Energy Ltd Rook I Project

Dear Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission,

Clearwater River Dene School has had the opportunity to work in partnership with NexGen on so many projects that have supported our school and community. First, would be the Climate Action Initiative that saw students work with NexGen contractors to learn about forest and tree health. They also participated in a tree planting program where students were paid to learn about forest ecology and tree planting skills to replant areas in the community that were devastated by wildfires. CRDS High School students have also spent time working with NexGen on their reclamation programs - collecting seeds in the fall and planting in the spring. As well, during our fall northern camps high school and junior high classes visit the Rook I project site. They tour around and get to see employees in action. This gives them insight into camp life, the type of employment opportunities NexGen offers and it lets them see themselves reflected in the large number of people NexGen employs from the community.

NexGen sponsors a number of school initiatives. This includes our school breakfast program - providing a nutritious breakfast daily to our entire school population. This also provides two part time employment opportunities in our school available to community members. NexGen hosts a Fall Career Fair open to students and community sharing a variety of employment streams and post secondary education opportunities that could lead to gainful employment within their organization. They also host a Northern Prospect Trip that takes students into Saskatoon to tour a variety of organizations and educational venues. This opens doors to our kiddos encouraging the development of post graduation plans. Students also have the opportunity to travel to Vancouver with NexGen and network with employees as they have a once in a lifetime experience with the Vancouver Canucks - meeting the team, skating on the ice, watching a game and participating in motivational discussions. During the NexGen LPA Tour students of all ages are exposed to an on the ice experience with a Vancouver Canuck Alumni. They learn valuable hockey skills while having an incredible experience. As well, NexGen hosts a yearly visit with

the Saskatoon Rush and the Saskatchewan Rough Riders in which the school participates in activities, meet and greets and motivational talks. Finally, NexGen also provides a scholarship at our Grade 12 Graduation ceremony, as well as, offering multiple generous post secondary scholarships to students in our region.

NexGen has also provided materials to the school to help support students and student programming. They provided a filtered water fountain with a water bottle filling station and water bottles to provide our students with a safe and healthy hydration opportunity. NexGen also provided winter jackets and toques to the entire school population so they can better participate in outdoor activities. Most recently they have provided a healthy donation of skates and helmets so our students can participate in the community skating program.

NexGen has also been very active with the school and students with regards to planning and community outreach. NexGen has hosted a number of events in the school to update the school community of its progress and hear student concerns. They have always been gracious and understanding when working with students.

NexGen's support of our school and students has definitely improved the student school experience. CRDS understands the need for economic development in our region and has a positive working relationship with NexGen to provide a balance between development and protecting the land which is part of the school's land based learning program and an integral part of the Dene people. As well, this relationship has also helped NexGen understand our need for its support of programs and initiatives that will open employment opportunities for our students. It is because of this relationship and NexGen's current understanding of our needs that we unequivocally support NexGen's Rook I Project at this time. Should you require any additional information please do not hesitate to contact me at (306)822-2228.

Yours in Education,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'B. Hannah'.

Barb Hannah