



Supplementary Information

Renseignements supplémentaires

Presentation from the Ya'thi Néné Lands and Resources Office

Présentation du Bureau des terres et des ressources de Ya'thi Néné

Regulatory Oversight Report for Uranium Mines, Mills, Historic and Decommissioned Sites in Canada: 2023

Rapport de surveillance réglementaire des mines et usines de concentration d'uranium et des sites historiques et déclassés au Canada : 2023

Commission Meeting

Réunion de la Commission

January 29, 2025

29 janvier 2025

Ya'thi Néné Lands and Resources

Presentation to Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission
Regulatory Oversight Report 2023

29 January 2025



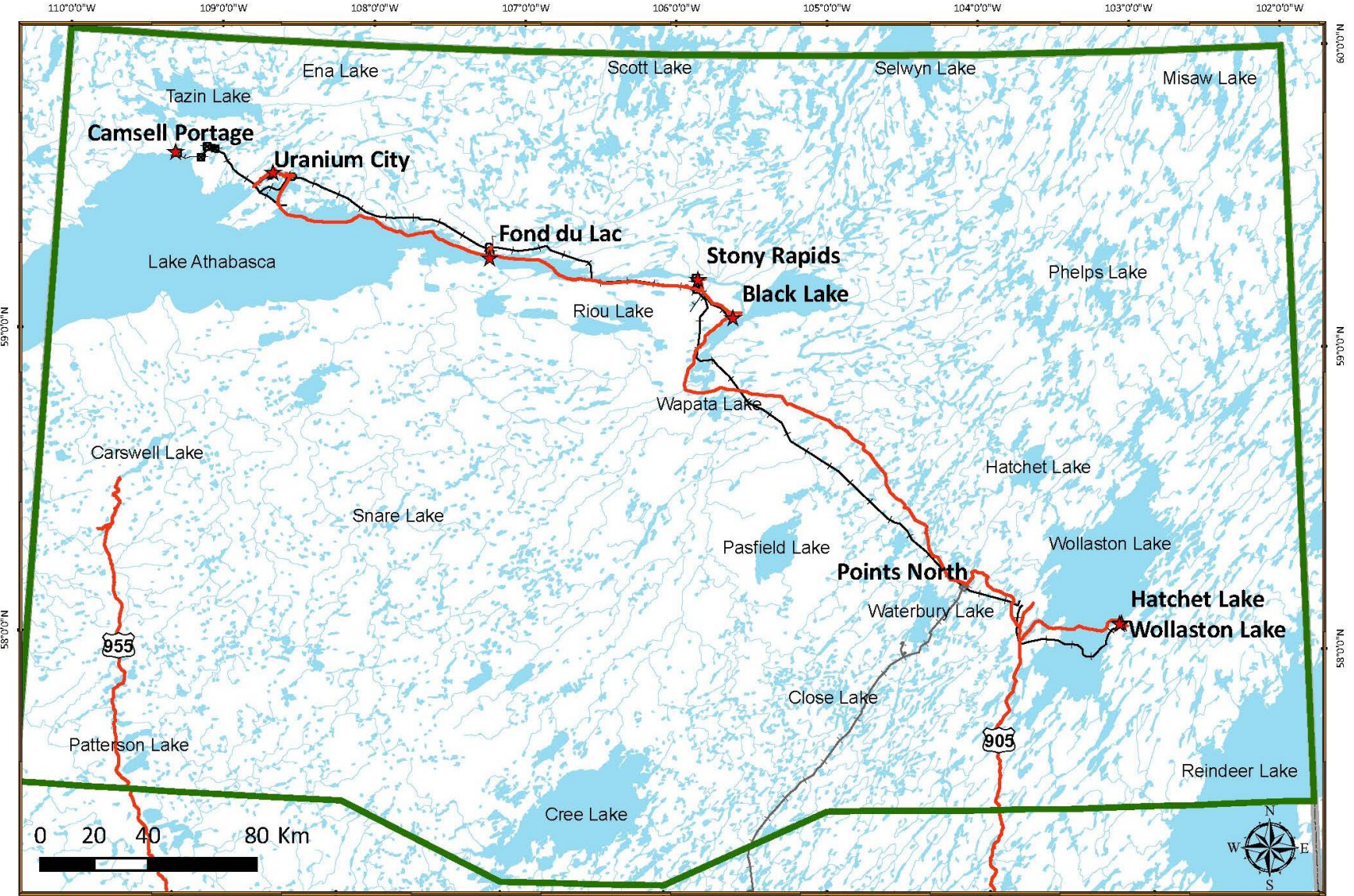


Ya'thi Néné Lands and Resources (YNLR)

Mission:

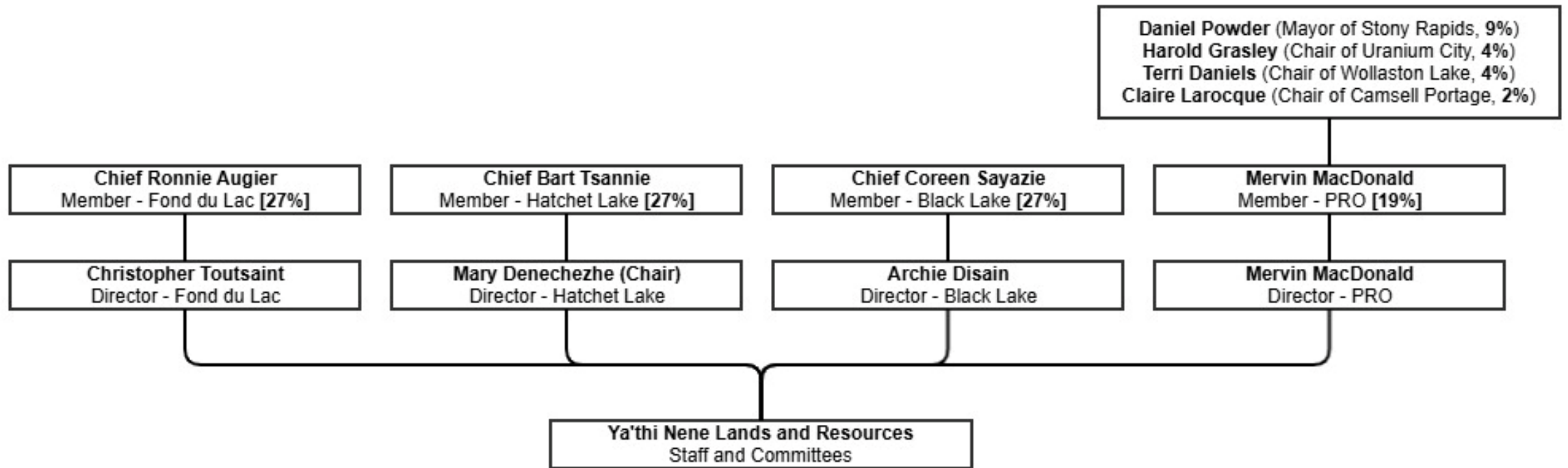
To protect the lands and waters of the Athabasca Basin for the long-term benefit of its Denesuline First Nations and Athabasca communities

Nuhenéné (Traditional Territory)





Governance



Ya'thi Néné Lands and Resources is Indigenous owned and community led

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Ya'thi Néné's Role

- Prior to YNLR, Athabasca communities were largely uninformed about exploration and mining projects and received little benefits
- Damage to lands and waters occurred
- Now, YNLR liaises between communities, industry, and government on projects of mutual interest and has formal agreements with multiple exploration and mining companies
- To strengthen the relationship and support the discussion of issues or concerns, YNLR and CNSC established a Terms of Reference in 2022



CNSC ROR 2023 Meeting: 18 September 2024



Attended by YNLR staff and ALPC

YNLR's concerns and feedback:

1. Incentive for compliance to license conditions
2. License lengths for Cameco's operations
3. YNLR's involvement in IEMP
4. CNSC's response to YNLR feedback

1. Incentive for compliance to license conditions



YNLR understands that incidents occur in complex mining and milling operations

The number of notices of non-compliance (NNC) have increased in past two years but number of inspections did not proportionally increase

- 2019, 2020, 2021: average of 18 NNC/year
- 2022, 2023: average of 86 NNC/year

2. License lengths for Cameco's Key Lake, McArthur River, and Rabbit Lake



The Athabasca Basin communities opposed license durations of 15 and 20 years for Rabbit Lake, Key Lake, and McArthur River Operations in written intervention and at Hearing in June 2023

Yet, Cameco received long license lengths; now treated as foregone conclusion

YNLR goes on record to state our opposition; instead advocated for 5- and 10-year licenses

3. YNLR's Involvement in IEMP



YNLR appreciates our involvement with the IEMP each year

- Conduct interviews to help determine sampling locations and traditional foods
- Staff participate in field work
- Residents can donate foods they want tested

In May 2024, CNSC and YNLR co-presented about IEMP at Turtle Island Conference. YNLR believes the IEMP should be expanded across the Basin and is a great example of how remote Indigenous communities can work directly with regulators

4. CNSC's Response to YNLR Feedback



YNLR has provided many suggestions to the CNSC about processes that would better serve Athabasca Basin communities

CNSC response is detailed in Appendix P of the 2023 ROR, and have made many improvements

YNLR appreciates these efforts and looks forward to continued improvements



Closing Remarks

YNLR acknowledges initiatives by CNSC that contribute to relationship-building and engagement with Basin communities

- Terms of Reference: meetings, work plans, communications
- YNLR involvement in IEMP
- Two Indigenous Stakeholder and Capacity Funds
- Multiple meetings with Commission

YNLR welcomes further collaboration with CNSC

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