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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

In the matter of the

À l'égard du

**Regulatory Oversight Report for Uranium
Mines and Mills in Canada: 2024**

**Rapport de surveillance réglementaire
des mines et usines de concentration
d'uranium au Canada : 2024**

Commission Meeting

Réunion de la Commission

March 2026

Mars 2026

Ya'thi Néné Lands and Resources

Presentation to Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission
Regulatory Oversight Report for Uranium Mines and
Mills in Canada: 2024

25 March 2026



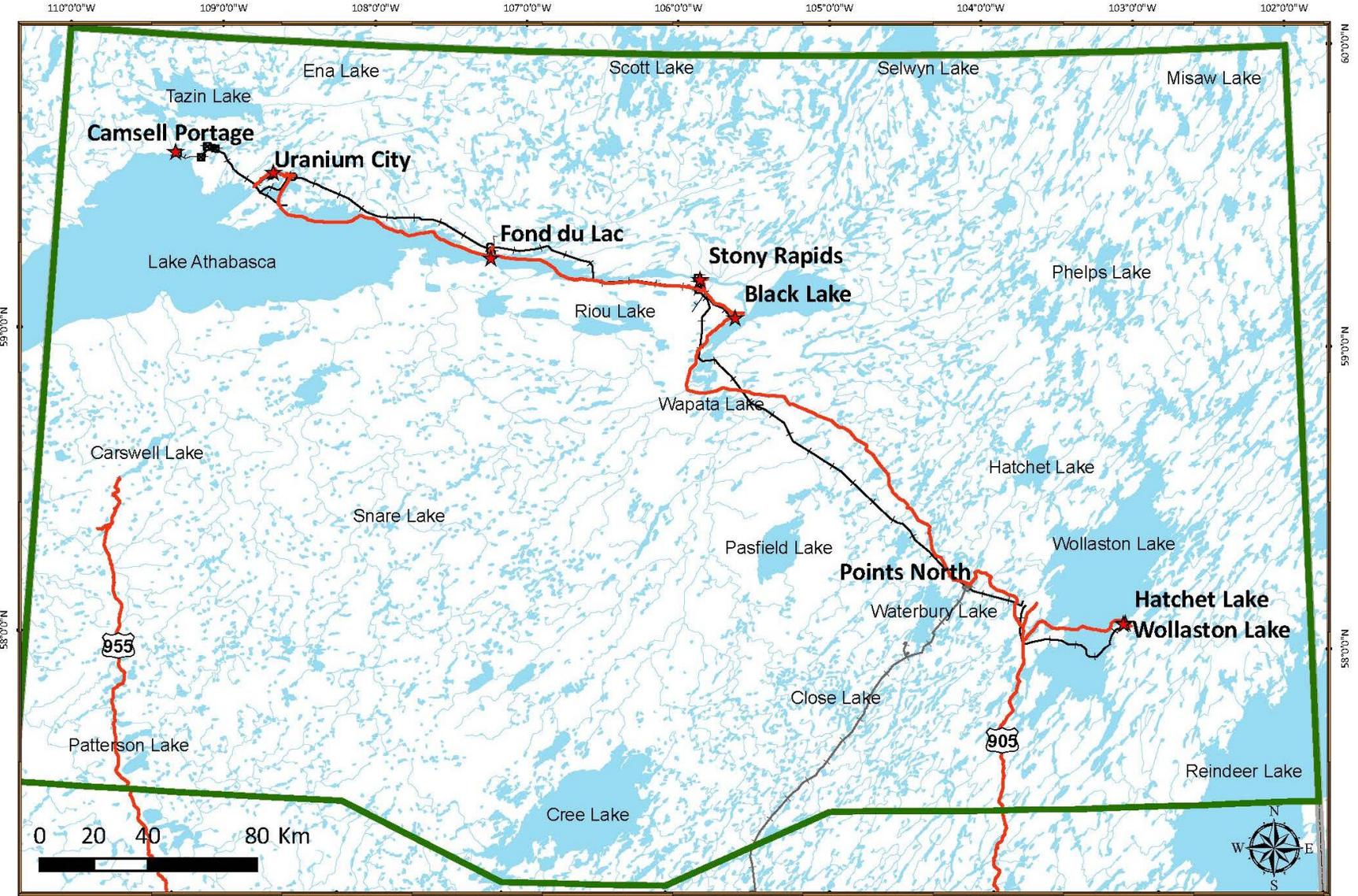


Ya'thi Néné Lands and Resources (YNLR)

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)





Athabasca Denesų́tiné & Basin Communities

YNLR is owned by the **7 Athabasca communities:**

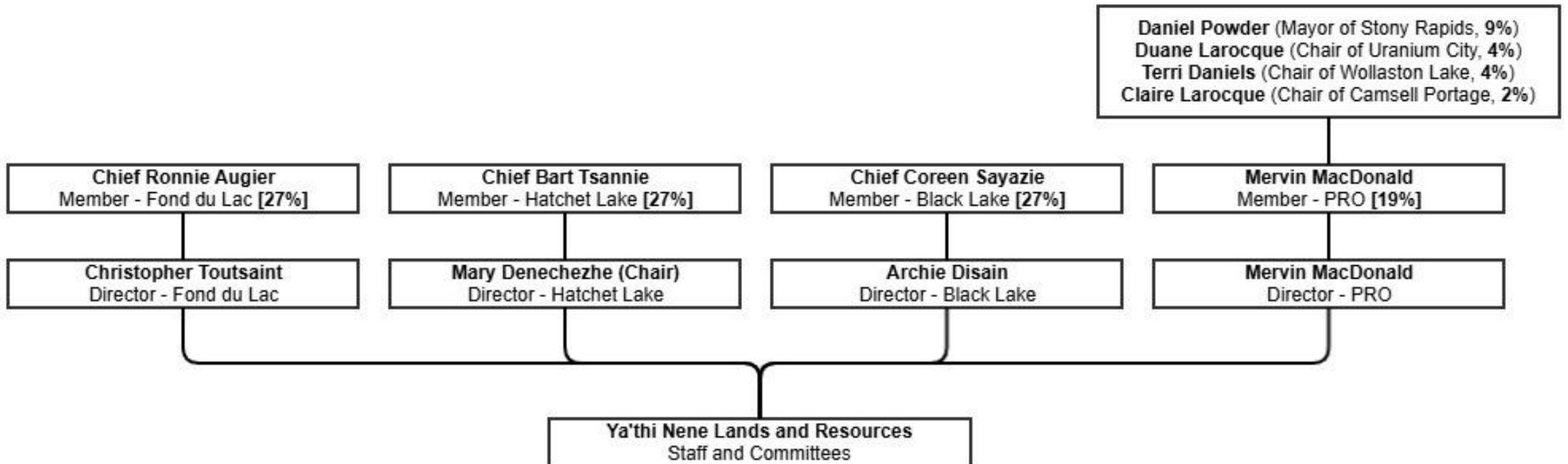
- Black Lake First Nation
- Fond du Lac First Nation
- Hatchet Lake First Nation
- Stony Rapids
- Wollaston Lake Post
- Uranium City
- Camsell Portage

Communities are united to protect Nuhenéné and ensure responsible development



Governance

Our Leaders mandate YNLR to safeguard Nuhenéné and advocate for Basin residents



YNLR Staff and Offices: Uranium City, Fond du Lac, Black Lake, Hatchet Lake, Saskatoon



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Linda McNabb – Contract Human Resources
May-Britt Jensen – Contract Workforce Development
Fond du Lac – Jason Adam, Morgan Lidguerre
Black Lake/Stony Rapids - Vacant
Hatchet Lake/Wollaston –Jean Tsannie, Thomas Besskkaystare, Curtis Tsannie
Uranium City - Margaret Powder, Wayne Powder



Ya'thi Néné's Role

- Prior to YNLR, Athabasca communities were largely uninformed about exploration and mining projects and received little benefits
- Damage to the 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 2024 Meeting: 17 September 2025



Attended by YNLR staff and ALPC

YNLR's responses and feedback:

1. Fines administered by CNSC
2. Transparency in communication
3. YNLR's involvement in IEMP
4. CNSC's response to YNLR feedback

1. Fines Administered by CNSC



YNLR supports CNSC in implementing fines to proponents as needed to ensure accountability

YNLR would appreciate timely information about such occurrences, as appropriate

Notification enables YNLR to provide accurate information to Athabasca Basin Leadership and its members



2. Transparency in Communication



YNLR supports the CNSC to encourage proponents to communicate effectively on matters that impacts employment of community members

Communication of information of interest enables YNLR to disseminate accurate information

3. YNLR's Involvement in IEMP



YNLR appreciates our involvement with the IEMP each year

- Interviews help determine sampling locations and traditional foods to sample
- 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

The IEMP 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

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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