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Ya'thi Nééné Land and Resources' purpose is to protect the land, water, and air of Nuhenéné and to promote the people of the Denesufiné First Nations and Athabasca communities that live there.

# CANUWs The Canadian Uranium Workers Study

Canada has a long uranium mining history. The Athabasca Basin of northern Saskatchewan is the world's leading source of high-grade uranium and currently supplies about 20% of the world's uranium. McArthur River and Cigar Lake uranium mines are the largest and highest-grade ore mines in the world. All current active uranium mining activities in Canada are in this area.

The Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) is leading a study on the long-term health of about 80,000 uranium workers employed from the 1930s onward. The Canadian Uranium Workers Study (CANUWS) includes over 70 years of mortality data and 50 years of cancer data, along with data on workers' workplace radiation exposures. This study is being led by Dr. Rachel Lane and Ms. Kristi Randhawa from the CNSC with the intent of gaining knowledge of the long-term health impacts uranium work has had. Studying these workers will help people understand long-term health effects, not only of the high radiation exposures of the past, but also the low radiation exposures of today. A feature article on the study appeared in the spring 2021 Ya'Né Lands and Resources community newsletter.

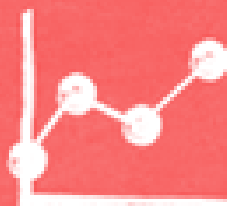
The CNSC will not be alone in studying these workers. The study is co-funded by the CNSC, the Government of Saskatchewan, and the uranium industry. The University of Saskatchewan will lead the statistical analysis of the health data. A host of experts, including radiation and health specialists, union representatives, Indigenous community representatives, academics and others will support it.

Dr. Lane, who is a Radiation and Health Sciences specialist for the CNSC, says that while we already know a lot about uranium and its radioactive energy, she believes it is important to keep learning. The more we learn about uranium, the more we can ensure it continues to be used in a safe and respectful way. Dr. Lane says that past studies of uranium miners, largely from Canada, the United States and Europe, have provided the knowledge behind the world's toughest radiation protection regulations to protect those working in uranium mines and mills. Early uranium miners had exceptionally high death rates from lung cancer. As a result, multiple studies have taken place over the years and are ultimately the reason why today's workers and the air they breathe are safe and regularly monitored. Modern radiation protection practices such as mechanical ventilation in mines and monitoring of workers for radiation exposure, especially from radon, which is released when uranium decays drastically reduced radiation levels in mines. In fact, today's modern workers have radon exposures at the levels they would expect to have from just living on Earth and not working in a mine or mill.

The study is currently going through a quality control exercise to make sure the mortality and cancer data are correct. Once complete, the University of Saskatchewan will look at workers' relationship between radon and health in detail. All partners in this study will continue to keep their networks and Indigenous Nations and communities informed as the study progresses and will work to ensure the process results are relevant and meaningful.



## Canadian Uranium Workers Study



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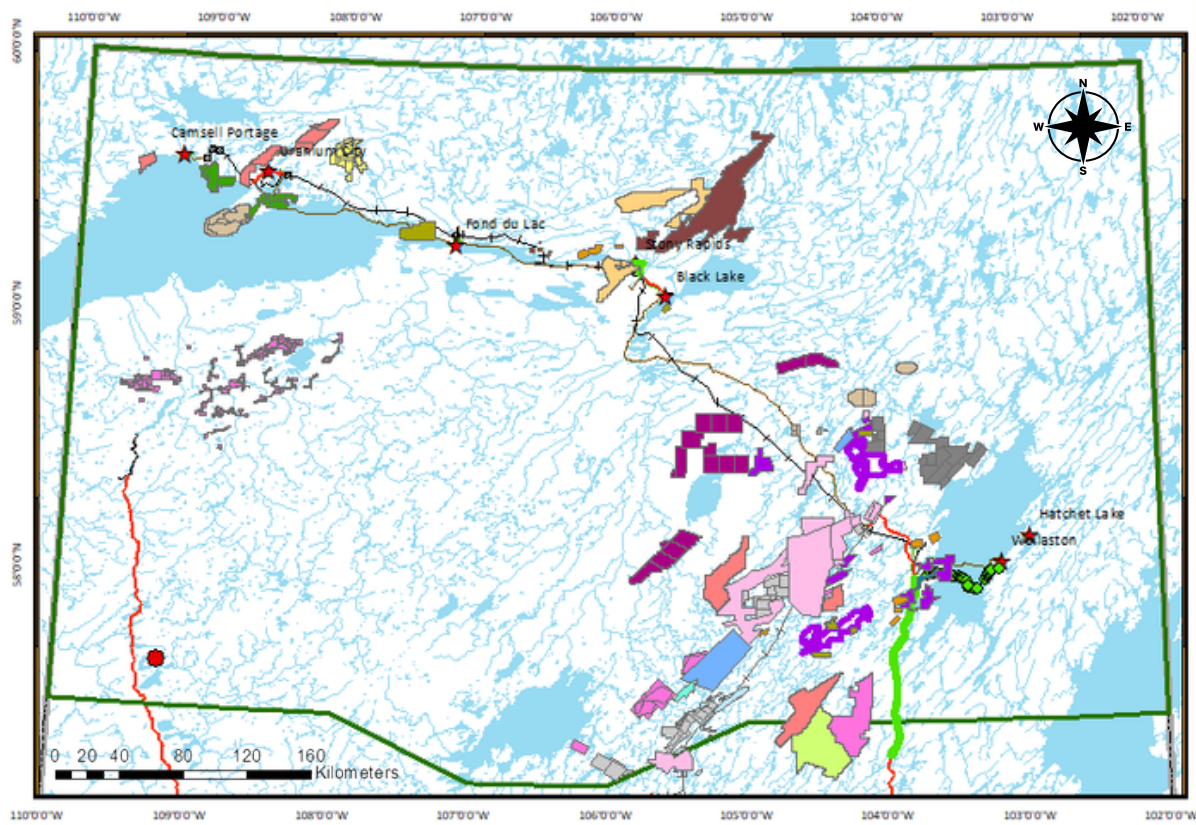


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Project Name	Permitted Activity	Permit Length	Project Name	Permitted Activity	Permit Length
92 Energy Clover	exploration	Oct-22	IsoEnergy Larocque East	exploration	Mar-25
92 Energy Cypress	exploration	Dec-23	IsoEnergy North Thorburn	exploration	Dec-24
92 Energy Gemini	exploration	Mar-24	IsoEnergy Radio	exploration	Dec-24
92 Energy laydown site land disposition	exploration	2027	IsoEnergy Ranger	exploration	Jul-23
92 Energy Powerline	exploration	Dec-23	IsoEnergy Thorburn	exploration	Dec-24
92 Energy Tower	exploration	Mar-24	IsoEnergy Trident	exploration	Dec-23
ALX Resources Gibbons Creek	exploration	Dec-22	Kobold Metals Stony Rapids	exploration	Oct-22
ALX Resources Flying Vee	exploration	Mar-24	MER Temporary Camps	exploration	Aug-22
Appia Alces Lake	exploration	Dec-22	NexGen Rook Island site infrastructure	exploration	Nov-22
Baselode Hook Lake	exploration	Dec-22	Orano Close Lake	exploration	Jun-23
Basin Uranium Mann Lake	exploration	Sep-23	Orano Getty Russell	exploration	Jun-23
Cameco Dawn Lake	exploration	Dec-23	Orano Kernaghan Bell	exploration	Jun-23
Cameco Read Lake	exploration	Sep-24	Orano Midwest	exploration	Jun-23
CanAlaska Cree East	exploration	May-23	Orano Waterbury Cigar	exploration	Jun-23
CanAlaska Geikie exploration	exploration	Dec-23	Orano Waterbury UEM	exploration	Dec-23
CanAlaska McTavish	exploration	May-23	Orano Waterfound	exploration	Jun-23
CanAlaska North Millennium	exploration	May-23	Orano Wooly	exploration	Jun-23
CanAlaska Waterbury	exploration	May-23	Pegasus Pine Channel	exploration	Aug-23
CanAlaska West McArthur	exploration	May-23	Purepoint Red Willow	exploration	Mar-23
CanAlaska Western Athabasca	exploration	Dec-22	Purepoint Turnor Lake	exploration	Mar-23
Cree Lake Lodge	airstrip lease	33 years	SaskPower C2W	vegetation clearing/maintenance	Dec-23
Denison Bachman Crawford	exploration	Dec-22	SaskPower Camsell Dams	vegetation clearing/maintenance	Dec-23
Denison Ford Lake	exploration	Dec-22	SaskPower Courtney Lake	vegetation clearing/maintenance	Mar-23
Denison Candle, Darby & Johnston Lake	exploration	Dec-23	SaskPower helipad near 905	vegetation clearing/maintenance	Mar-23
Denison Moon Lake	exploration	Aug-22	SaskPower Island Falls	vegetation clearing/maintenance	2027
Denison Waterbury	exploration	Dec-22	SaskPower ST511 Distribution Line	vegetation clearing/maintenance	Dec-23
Denison Wheeler drill & surveys	exploration	Aug-25	SaskPower ST512 Distribution Line	vegetation clearing/maintenance	Dec-23
Denison Wheeler feasibility test	exploration	Jul-22	SaskPower Wollaston Line helipads	vegetation clearing/maintenance	Mar-23
Denison Wheeler River	exploration	Mar-23	Selwyn Lake Lodge	legitimize an existing lagoon	2025
Denison Advanced Wheeler Project Area	exploration	2027	Skyharbour Russell Lake	exploration	Apr-25
Eagle Plains Pine Channel	exploration	Aug-23	Snake Lake	gravel pit	Oct-22
Fission 3.0 Bird	exploration	Feb-24	Standard Uranium Atlantic	exploration	Dec-23
Fission 3.0 Cree Bay	exploration	Aug-22	Standard Uranium Ascent	exploration	Jun-23
Fission 3.0 Hearly Bay	exploration	Aug-22	Standard Uranium Canary	exploration	Feb-24
Fission 3.0 Murphy Lake	exploration	Sep-23	Standard Uranium Sundog	exploration	Aug-22
Fission 3.0 Seahorse	exploration	Dec-23	Terra Uranium Parker Pasfield HawkRock	exploration	Dec-23
Fortune Bay Murmac (Goldfields West)	exploration	Apr-23	UEX Axis Lake	exploration	Dec-22
Fortune Bay Strike Lake	exploration	Jun-23	UEX Christie Lake	exploration	Mar-24
Forum Wollaston	exploration	Apr-23	UEX Dwyer Lake	exploration	Dec-23
IsoEnergy Edge	exploration	Nov-23	UEX Pow Bay	exploration	Dec-23
IsoEnergy Geiger	exploration	Dec-22	UEX Vixen Lake	exploration	Dec-23
IsoEnergy Hawk	exploration	Jul-23	UEX West Bear	exploration	Mar-23
IsoEnergy Larocque camp land disposition	exploration	2027			

# Indigenous Protected Conservation Areas

Ya'thi Nene continues to work on the development of Indigenous Protected Areas (IPA) in Nuhenéne! To date, through much input from our communities (community meetings, individual interviews, TLUO database, Elder TK interviews, focus groups, data analysis, etc.) proposed boundaries for the IPAs have been developed. The initial difficult work of identifying areas for priority protection has resulted in some boundaries being drafted and submitted for review with the Province of Saskatchewan.

In the interim, YNLR has continued to do some important work in the advancement of this project. This includes:

**1. Traditional Land Use and Traditional Knowledge interviews:** further interviews have been done to gather more detailed information within these proposed IPA boundaries. This information will help us develop a strong Management Plan and will identify areas where IPA infrastructure can be built (e.g., cabins, trails, etc.). This work has been focused on the Tazin Lake area and will continue for the other IPAs as well.

**2. IPA Management Plans:** Information is being gathered to draft Management Plans for these IPAs. Focus groups were held in all communities to determine what each community wanted to see within their Indigenous Protected Area. This included discussions on commercial fishing, outfitting, timber harvest, forest products, hydro electric power generation, etc. A draft Table of Contents has been developed jointly between Ya'thi Nene Lands & Resources and partners.

**3. YNLR-IPA Cabins:** An exciting part of our work on IPAs is selecting the locations of our operational YNLR cabin that will be built within the boundaries of the IPAs. In order to fulfill the needs of the community in regard to the Indigenous Protected Area, infrastructure, such as cabins and trail development/maintenance is required. One cabin within the boundaries of the IPA will be built to be used for conducting research, monitoring and other YNLR CLT work, as well as being useful to community land-users. Focus groups are being held to discuss possible locations that would enable access to the cabins in the summer and winter months, preferably near an existing trail, and based on Indigenous Knowledge of the area. To date, one cabin has been built on Hara Lake, SK. It is anticipated that more cabins will be built this fall.

**4. Governance Structure:** Initial work is underway to identify a governance structure that would enable good co-management of the IPAs between the Athabasca Denesūliné First Nations and communities and the province of Saskatchewan. It is anticipated that this structure would provide direction and guidance on the implementation of the IPA Management Plans, ensuring that community priorities for monitoring and management of the IPAs are followed. We look forward to further discussing governance with project partners.

**5. Community Meetings:** The IPA team will be travelling through the communities in the fall 2022. We will be providing school presentations and community meetings to update everyone on the progress of the IPAs and continue to gather feedback on Management Plans and the governance structure. Keep an eye out on our Facebook page and for posters in your community for dates and times!



Rules for using the YNLR-IPA Cabins will be posted at the cabin site, including in Dene.

## Next Steps

Now that the boundaries have been selected, work will continue with our partners towards confirming the boundary and defining the management of the Indigenous Protected Area through a Management Plan. Governance agreements and long-term financing plans will be researched and established.

Please note that Ya'thi Nene Lands and Resources will be working with partner organizations on addressing existing dispositions found within the boundary. Additionally, we will be looking at securing an interim land withdrawal or other appropriate mechanism to prevent future dispositions and limit nuisance stakers within the IPA boundary.

## What's an Indigenous Protected Area (IPA)?

IPAs are usually defined as conservation areas whose creation and ongoing management are Indigenous led, with Indigenous Peoples having the primary role in determining what is important to that specific IPA. That includes things like the values and objectives that the IPA holds as sacred, the boundaries of the IPA, the management plans for the IPA, and the governance structures for the IPA.

For the Nuhenéne IPA, this means that the Athabasca Denesūliné decide what values and priorities will guide and direct all work being done to develop protected areas. The communities also all get participation in the process of determining where the protected areas will be located and their size. Elders, youth, leadership, and land-users are involved every step of the way. This is Nuhenéne, and it is important to us so you have your say.



Project Manager Tina Giroux-Robillard discusses the location of the IPA Cabin with a focus group in Fond du Lac Denesuline First Nation

# YA'THI NÉNÉ LANDS AND RESOURCES AND THE CANADIAN NUCLEAR SAFETY COMMISSION (CNSC)

The Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) recently signed terms of reference for long-term engagement with the Ya'thi Néné Land and Resource Office (YNLR).

The agreement provides a structured forum for ongoing and respectful open dialogue, engagement and collaboration on regulated nuclear facilities in Canada and activities of interest to the 7 Athabasca Basin communities represented by YNLR.

The valuable insights of Indigenous Nations and communities cannot be taken for granted. We're committed to continuing to build trust and establish strong relationships in the name of reconciliation.



YNLR Chair of the Board Mary Denechezhe and Clare Cattrysse, Director of the CNSC's Indigenous and Stakeholder Relations Division, signed the agreement virtually in June 2022.

## WHEELER RIVER PROJECT

# ENJOY THE WARM SEASON!

Learn more about our Wheeler River Project activities at [wheellerriverproject.ca](https://wheellerriverproject.ca)

Powering  
**PEOPLE, PARTNERSHIPS  
AND PASSION.**

 **Denison Mines**

# COMMUNITY LAND TECHNICIANS in the FIELD

## AUTOMATED RECORDING UNIT (ARU) DEPLOYMENT AND RETRIEVAL

In collaboration with Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC), YNLR staff deployed automated recording units (ARUs) in June 2022 at several locations northeast of Uranium City, northeast of Stony Rapids, on the north shore of Black Lake, and near the townsites of Fond du Lake and Black Lake.

We navigated some beautiful and challenging terrain, swatted at mosquitoes and black flies, and had a great time!

ARUs are programmed to record bird calls during the breeding season. These recorded bird songs are then used to link bird species with forest habitat.

YNLR staff will retrieve these ARUs later this summer and fall and the recordings will be analyzed by ECCC.

*By: Dana Kellett*



ARU crew including pilot Ivan Bourque at Stony Rapids float base



Dana Kellett, YNLR Environmental Specialist retrieving ARUs in Nuhenénés back country



Colby Tinker and ARU near Fond du Lac



CLT Ian Donard overlooking Black Lake



CLTs Ian Donard and Dennis Laroque deploying an automated recording unit (ARU)

## BUOYS ON LAKE ATHABASCA

YNLR took initiative to set out buoys on Lake Athabasca this summer for the safety of boaters. Pictures are from one buoy set out in front of Gunner Mine site in Uranium City, SK.

FDL CLT Derek Cook took the initiative to support his community and set up buoy's on Lake Athabasca for the safety of boaters travelling west and east of Fond Du Lac, SK.

Hatchet Lake CLT Jean Tsannie also set out buoys identifying dangerous reefs on the route to Sandy Island Pilgrimage site. These were appreciated by the community as they navigated Cochrane River!

The buoys will be retrieved before freeze up.

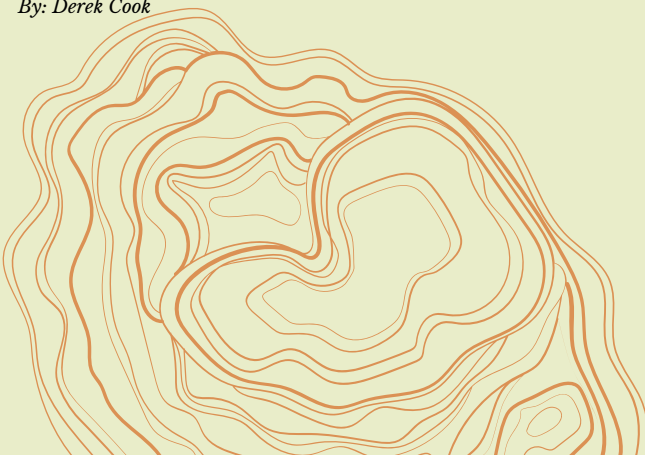
*By: Derek Cook*



One of the buoys set out to identify dangerous reefs by the Gunner Mine site near Uranium City, SK.



One of the buoys that was set up along the route to Sandy Island Pilgrimage site by YNLR CLT Jean Tsannie. This ensured a safe route for community members travelling to the pilgrimage as they avoided reefs



# an Update from the **ATHABASCA COMMUNITY TRUST**



The Athabasca Community Trust was established under the Investment Pillar of the Collaboration Agreement, between 3 First Nations (Black Lake, Hatchet Lake and Fond du Lac), 4 Northern Settlements (Stony Rapids, Uranium City, Wollaston and Camsell Portage) and two Uranium Companies, Cameco and Orano (then Areva).

There are currently 4 Community Trustees – One for each of the First Nations: Tina Alphonse (Black Lake), Charlie Denechezhe (Hatchet Lake), Gabe (Jr) Stenne (Fond du Lac) and Lillian Laprise (the four Northern Settlements).

Each year the Athabasca Community Trust receives funds from the industry collaborators (now Cameco and Orano). These funds are used to support the expenses of the Collaboration Agreement and the expenses of the Trust. One half of the balance is made available to the First Nations and Northern Settlements. The other half is made available to individuals through a proposal application process.

One recent Proposal that came from Fond Du Lac was to send a team of young athletes south to participate in the Tony Cote First Nation Summer Games. "Team Fond Du Lac" was able to participate in the summer games partly as a result of receiving some of their funding from the Trust.

Dream big and bring your ideas to the Trust for ways to enhance the life of those in your communities. Contact YNLR Office or your community Trustee for more information about how you can do this! The Athabasca Community Trust is for you.



*FDL Athletes Mackenzie Mercredi and Cianna Stenne*



*Derek Cook and son Derekson Cook at Tony Cote Summer Games*

## **INTRODUCING NEW PERMANENT RESIDENT ORGANIZATION (PRO) TRUSTEE**

Born and raised in the Northern Hamlet of Stony Rapids to the proud parents of Florence And Billy MacDonald, I have 6 brothers and 1 sister, happily married with 5 children and 2 step children and some grand children.

Attended the Stony Rapids Community School K-9 classes, did not go south to attend high school, after working for the town I realized I loved being a town clerk so I decided to upgrade myself to fit the job. I applied for Office Education and got accepted, from there I went on to finish Business Administration, moved back to Stony and started working as the town Administrator in 2004, during my first year with the town all the Administrators had to take Local Government Administration and be Certified by the Saskatchewan Board to work in any municipality, to date I work for the town.

I currently travel back and forth to my job in Stony Rapids as my children are attending High School in Prince Albert.



*Lillian Laprise, newly appointed PRO Community Trustee*

# AN UPDATE FROM..

## Your Development Co ordinator

Facilitating workforce growth, business development, and lifelong learning in the Basin.

Ed'lenate, hope you all have been enjoying your summer! Here are highlights for this quarter.

- Dene Robillard

### Ya'thi Néné Lands and Resources Scholarship Program

By the July 31st deadline, the Ya' thi Néné Basin Scholarship program received a total of 39 completed applications. Based on the YNLR Scholarship Policy, applicants must be enrolled as a full-time student (minimum of 3 classes), with exception to those students in the Trades.

YNLR received, compiled, and prepared all completed applicant files for review by the YN Scholarship Selection Committee. This committee is comprised of the three Athabasca First Nations Post-Secondary Counsellors, a member of the Permanent Residents Organization (PRO), an Industry representative, and the YNLR Executive Director, who all make the final award decisions.

Athabasca Basin Development (ABD) contributed a total of \$10,000.00, Cameco/Orano with \$25,000.00, the YNLR Office with \$25,000.00, and Flyer Electric with \$5,000.00 for a total of \$65,000.00 for this year's scholarship recipients.

This year, the Ya' thi Néné Scholarship Selection Committee met on August 17th, where the Committee agreed to award 27 recipients for the 2022-23 academic year. Both YNLR and the Scholarship Selection Committee would like to thank everyone who applied for a scholarship and congratulate those of you who were selected this year. We wish you all a healthy, safe, and successful academic year!!

#### This year's successful Scholarship Recipients include:

Shenelle Echodh	Shawna Sha'ouille
Keesha Martin	Veronica Kkailther
Cherilyn Joseyounen	Charles Dettaniba
Jacqueline Hale	Antonia Sha'ouille
Jacqueline Valois	Loretta Randhile
Darian Joseyounen (Gazandlare)	Brianda Robillard
Cassidy Renie	Lorine Randhile
Terri Ann Randhile	Gabrielle Giroux
Naomi Duff	Mitchell Throassie
Samantha Adam	Sammy Pacquette
Ryea Daniels	Jennita Pacquette (Hugath)
Hannah Preikschat	Pacey Disain
Raylen Adam	Timothy Fern Jr.
Darlene Sandypoint	

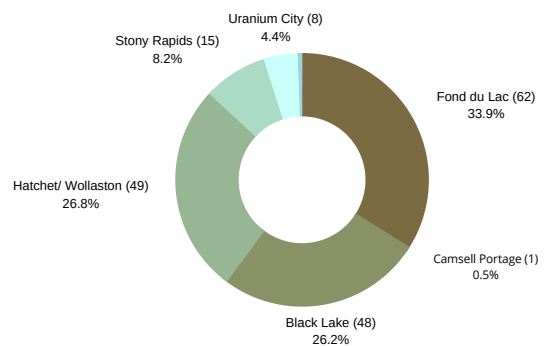
### Regional Adult Essential Skills Pathways Program Update

In the Winter of 2021, planning began for an educational enhancement program through the Athabasca Education Employment and Development Committee (AEEDC). Both SIIT and Northlands College became partners and were responsible for different parts of the selection and implementation process. SIIT was responsible for Career Pathways testing, and Northlands College was responsible for CAAT testing. Our target clientele was previous Grade 12 graduates that wanted to upgrade academic skills to go into post-secondary education and/or trades programming. The testing results proved to be wide and varied, and so we had to change the program format to non-credit and to focus on upskilling rather than upgrading at this time.

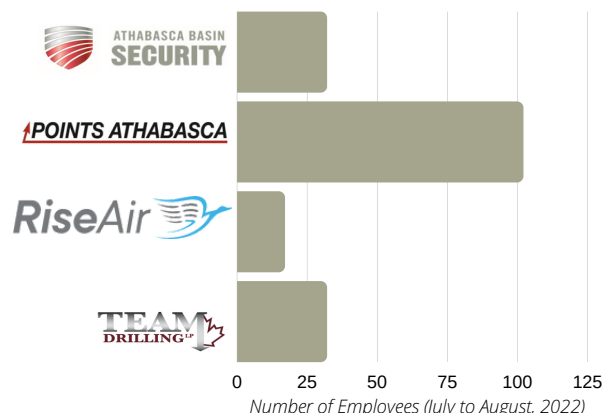
In September of 2021, the program began with eight students from various locations in the Basin, and the program was held in Stony Rapids. Students in the program were eligible to receive Provincial Training Allowance while studying. These students worked with the instructor on their skills in a variety of learning styles. By the winter, we were down to six students, and that is where the decision was made to open applications for the remainder of the program. Five more students were added to the program prior to the program completion on June 20th, 2022. A total of six completed the program and are ready to pursue post-secondary education opportunities.

On behalf of Ya'thi Nene and the AEEDC, we would like to thank those who were part of this regional effort and its successes. Both Northlands College and SIIT are excited to continue partnering with our communities for further success in educational upskilling and upgrading.

#### Employees by Location



#### Basin Employer Statistics



## CONGRATULATIONS

## 2022 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS!





# FALL 2022

# CALL FOR PROPOSALS

**ATHABASCA COMMUNITY TRUST WILL BE ACCEPTING PROPOSAL APPLICATIONS FROM SEPTEMBER 1ST TO 30TH, 2022**

*New and Streamline Application Process*

**Submit Applications to**



email: [admin@yathinene.com](mailto:admin@yathinene.com)



fax: 306-802-4800



online: [www.yathinene.ca/apply-now/](http://www.yathinene.ca/apply-now/)

**For more information contact Kristen MacDonald or your Community Trustee.**



**Ya'thi Néné Lands and Resources**



**306-477-1251**



**[kristen.macdonald@yathinene.com](mailto:kristen.macdonald@yathinene.com)**

# Cameco Online Training Opportunity

Cameco is offering **FREE** skill development training in 2022 for Residents of Saskatchewan's North living in Hatchet Lake, Wollaston Lake, Fond du Lac, Uranium City, Camsell Portage, Black Lake, and Stony Rapids.

These training courses do not guarantee employment but do help prepare residents for future job opportunities.

Those that complete the majority of the courses by September 30th are eligible to apply for a limited number of paid three-month work experience positions. Do not miss this opportunity to get your foot-in-the door with Cameco or to up-grade your skills.

As part of Cameco's commitment to diversity and inclusion, female participation in this skill development training is strongly encouraged.

## Register TODAY by contacting the Community Relations Liaisons

**Rick Robillard – Community Relations Liaison**  
Black Lake/Stony Rapids  
306-961-2189  
Rick\_Robillard@cameco.com

**Victor Fern – Community Relations Liaison**  
Fond du Lac/Uranium City/Camsell Portage  
306-960-9156  
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**Darlene Gazandlare – Community Relations Liaison**  
Hatchet Lake/Wollaston Lake  
306-930-9404  
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## Courses Offered



### Digital Readiness

- Intro to Technology
- Digital Communications
- Understanding Data
- Personal Brand
- Cyber Security



### Industrial Readiness

- First Aid/CPR
- WHMIS
- Fire Safety Awareness
- Personal Protective Equipment
- COVID Preparedness



### Cameco Readiness

- Site Orientation
- Underground Orientation
- Basic Radiation
- Cameco Ethics and U
- Basic IT Security



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## Mill Operators Training Program for Athabasca Basin Residents

In partnership with Northern Career Quest (NCQ), Orano Canada will be delivering a Mill Operations Training Program (MOTP) at the McClean Lake Operation for Athabasca Basin residents. The program is scheduled to run from September 2022 to December 2022 (exact dates TBD).

To be eligible for the program, participants must be an Athabasca resident, be 18 years of age or older, and have completed a minimum of grade 12 education or equivalent. We will be offering MOTP applicants a chance to prepare for the TOWES (Test of Workplace Essential Skills) with trained volunteers before they write the test. This nationally accepted test measures workplace essential skills of reading (comprehension), document use, and numeracy and is used to determine an individual's level of ability to handle common tasks required by a Mill Operator.

The six-week (462 hour) MOTP will be conducted at the McClean Lake Operation. Training will be delivered by site Mill Operations Group, Radiation Protection Group, and Training Group personnel. The rotation for the program is two-weeks in and two-weeks out, flying in and out on Tuesdays. Workdays for successful candidates will be 12 hours with an hour for lunch. This schedule, which is typical of a Mill Operator at McClean Lake, provides the trainees with an opportunity to become familiar with the employment expectations and work/life balance requirements of a Mill Operator at a remote work site.

During the program, the trainees will increase their knowledge and learn essential skills required to work as a uranium Mill Operator. Trainees will be provided significant opportunities to participate in job shadowing and on-the-job training in many different mill circuits. All trainees who successfully complete the Mill Operations Training Program and meet the required application criteria will be provided with an offer of employment with Orano at the McClean Lake Operation.

## Athabasca Basin School Visits

The Orano Canada McClean Lake, Human Resource, and Northern Affairs teams visited students in Wollaston Lake on May 25. The day was full of presentations and demonstrations to give students an idea of what life is like at the McClean Lake Operation, and what career paths are available to them. The Black Lake, Stony Rapids, and Fond du Lac school visit scheduled for June 7 and 8 was cancelled due to mechanical issues; however, we are currently working with the schools to reschedule our visit for the end of September or beginning of October.

## Waterfound River Exploration Program

The Waterfound River summer drilling program is a continuation of the winter work that was initiated in January of 2022. Summer drilling activities commenced on June 13 and continued until August 3. A total of 3,902 metres in seven drill holes were completed during the summer. In combination with the winter program, a total of 7,078 metres in 13 drill holes was completed in 2022. All drilling activities were carried out by Team Drilling and based out of Points North Landing.



Left to right: Pacey Gazandlare, Darrell Fidler (trainer), Brandon Clarke, Logan Robillard-Campbell

## Regulatory News - Cluff Lake Public Hearing

The Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) recently announced that a public hearing regarding the decommissioned Cluff Lake Project will be held on March 1 or 2, 2023. Check out the Orano Canada YouTube Channel for a video about Cluff Lake in multiple languages. As decommissioning is complete, Orano has requested to return the land to the Government of Saskatchewan under the Institutional Control Program. For details on the process and to apply for participant funding, please see the CNSC website.



The Mill Ops Training Program 2022 spring participants

## Contact Us

As always, we welcome questions and comments any time. Please call us at: 306-343-4500 or reach out through our website: [oranocanada.com](http://oranocanada.com) or social media.

# Your Community Land Technicians are here for you.

Ya' thi Néné's purpose is to protect the land, water, and air of Nuhenéné and to promote the people of the Denesų́łné First Nations and Athabasca communities that reside there.

That's why we're always on the lookout for issues and observations from residents of the Basin. If you or someone you know has an observation, notices something, or hears a concern related to the land and water, we ask that you report it to one of our Community Land Technicians (CLTs).

When you make a report to your CLT, they will take the time to listen to your concerns and ask you questions. After collecting as much information as possible they will refer the issue to our head office, where research and analysis will be done and actions to resolve the issue will be determined.

Updates will be provided to the person(s) who reported the issue on a regular basis. Issues that are successfully resolved will be communicated to the communities.

Some examples of issues that could be reported include:

- Seeing an outfitter abandoning an out-post camp, leaving debris and garbage
- Finding an abandoned exploration camp with waste left behind
- A sick or diseased animal (e.g. fish with unknown cysts)
- Observations on changes to the environment (animal behaviour, habitat, etc.)
- Issues with hunting/trapping/fishing/gathering

For more information, contact your local Community Land Technician or Bruce Hanbidge, YNLR Operations Manager [bruce.hanbidge@yathinene.com](mailto:bruce.hanbidge@yathinene.com) or call (306) 477-1251.



## EXPORT

EXPORT is a web-based skills inventory and business registration database built to increase communication between community members and partners operating in the region in order to maximize training, employment and business opportunities in the Basin.

### WHAT CAN EXPORT DO FOR YOU?

EXPORT brings companies and communities together with a database of resumes of skilled individuals. EXPORT was built by and for Basin communities and people, providing a platform to give regional partners a direct connection to Basin residents and Basin businesses to better meet community needs and to maximize regional opportunity.

**JOIN EXPORT NOW  
TO FIND YOUR NEXT  
EMPLOYMENT  
OPPORTUNITY.**



WE NEED CONTENT FOR OUR NEXT NEWSLETTER.

Send your photos to [admin@yathinene.com](mailto:admin@yathinene.com) with the subject line "YNLR Newsletter" to be featured in our Fall 2022 issue!



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