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A VISIT TO ŁUTSĚL K'É DENE FIRST NATION

A MESSAGE FROM GARRETT SCHMIDT, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF YA'THI NÉNÉ:



What's not to love about Spring? We often associate spring with growth which is a process that YNLR continues to experience and embrace. This past spring has been an exceptional time for YNLR in growing our knowledge, partnerships and operational capacity, aligning with our mission to protect the lands and waters of the Athabasca Basin while promoting its people.

Our Board of Directors and elected leadership recently travelled to the Lutsël K'é Dene First Nation in the Northwest Territories, not far from our communities, to gain insights into how they successfully established and are currently implementing a combined Indigenous Protected Area and National Park in their traditional territory. These insights and relationships will add value to YNLR's journey in establishing beneficial protected areas.

Our staff and YNLR's Chairperson, Mary Denechezhe, participated in the development of a University of Saskatchewan Indigenous Economic Development Case Study that will highlight how YNLR protects the lands and waters of the Athabasca Basin while promoting its people. The case study will be published in the near future and will be used as a learning tool for students and other indigenous communities to support them in their journeys.

Directors and staff recently attended a United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People (UNDRIP) conference as well as an Indigenous Guardians gathering. Both initiatives are significant. UNDRIP is a historic milestone with legislation that will help pave the way for new partnerships and shared decision-making with Indigenous governments. Indigenous Guardians is a movement across Canada, which YNLR is now an official member of. The Indigenous Guardians program will support our Community Land Technicians in protecting the traditional territory and in supporting resource management decisions that align with the community's interests and expectations for environmental and cultural protection.

We continue to enter into agreements with industry and different levels of government, including the Saskatchewan Research Council and SaskPower, to ensure the voices of our community leaders, elders, and members are heard.

YNLR's ability to grow and gain strength reflects our leadership's desire to support partnerships that enable responsible land development and land protection, all of which must provide benefit to our community members. We welcome our new partnerships just as we welcome a spring filled with growth.



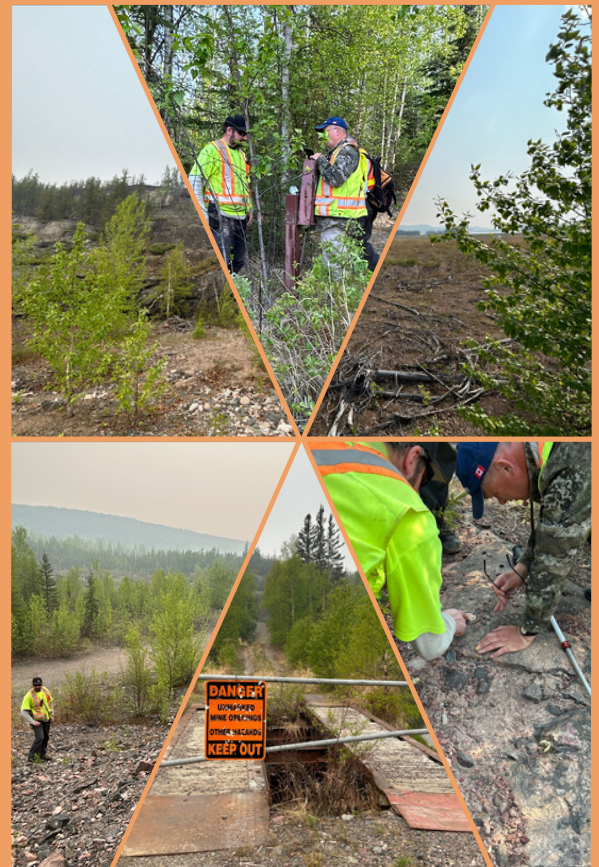
SASKATCHEWAN RESEARCH COUNCIL AND YA'THI NÉNÉ LANDS AND RESOURCES SIGN SERVICES AGREEMENT

Ya'thi Néné Lands and Resources (YNLR) and the Saskatchewan Research Council (SRC) have signed a Services Agreement that will enhance YNLR's involvement in Project CLEANS (Cleanup of Abandoned Northern Sites). Project CLEANS is a multi-year project to assess and remediate the Gunnar uranium mine and mill, the Lorado uranium mill and 35 legacy uranium mines (known as Satellite Sites) in northern Saskatchewan.

The goal of SRC's Project CLEANS is to conduct assessment and remediation activities in a manner that meets all regulatory requirements and to ultimately transfer the sites into the provincial institutional control program for long-term monitoring and management. The objectives for remediation work are to:

- Eliminate or reduce risks to human health, public safety and the environment to acceptable levels now and in the future in a responsible and cost-effective manner, while minimizing the long-term care and maintenance;
- Reduce the effects on the environment and protect the environment to the extent possible; and
- Allow safe, casual and traditional land use of the sites and adjacent areas.

The Services Agreement formalizes the partnership between YNLR and SRC and sets the precedent for further collaboration throughout Nuhenéné (traditional territory of the Athabasca Denesų́tiné). The agreement includes provisions for YNLR staff such as our Community Land Technicians to conduct independent and joint site inspections, site tours, monitoring and plan review. YNLR and SRC look forward to continuing to strengthen our relationship through meaningful collaboration and partnership.



Project CLEANS activities at Lorado and Rix Athabasca sites.



Indigenous Protected Conservation Areas

By Tina Giroux-Robillard

Leadership Visit Łutsël K'é Dene First Nation to learn about Thaidene Nene National Park!

Athabasca Denesųłiné First Nations Chiefs, along with Ya'thi Néné Lands & Resources Board of Directors, recently (March 20, 2023) travelled to Łutsël K'é Dene First Nation (LKDFN) for information sharing and to learn about their experience establishing an Indigenous Protected Area.

Thaidene Nene National Park (TDNP) is one of Canada's newest national parks and, along with several NWT Territorial Parks, makes up Łutsël K'é's Indigenous Protected Area. A trilateral agreement between LKDFN, NWT and Canada protects approx. 20,000 km² and its intent is to protect the land and Dene culture for future generations. This park was made possible after 15 years of negotiations. It is currently under the implementation phase of development, with infrastructure and management plans under development.

Currently, the LKDFN IPA allows for 8 full time local staff positions to be funded, along with other contract staff such as translators, cooks, cleaners, etc. There are five (5) Ni hatni Dene guardians hired to help with IPA operations. These Guardians practice a traditional lifestyle, protect the integrity of cultural sites and interact with IPA visitors, and work with community youth.

Our delegation had a lot of questions for the community about their process for IPA development, lessons learned and advice moving forward. The meeting was very informative and valuable! LKDFN also treated our leadership to a dinner, handgame demonstration and a drum dance! We would like to thank the community of LKDFN for their wonderful hospitality during our visit! Marsi Cho!



More information on Thaidene Nene National Park can be found here: <https://www.landoftheancestors.ca/>

What is an Indigenous Protected Area?

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. This includes things like the values and objectives that are identified as sacred, boundaries of the IPA, the management plans for the IPA, and the governance structures for the IPA.

For the Nuhenéné IPA, this means that the Athabasca Denesųłiné decide what values and priorities will guide and direct all work being done to develop protected areas. The community members participate 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 process. This is Nuhenéné, and it is important that everyone has the opportunity to have their input.

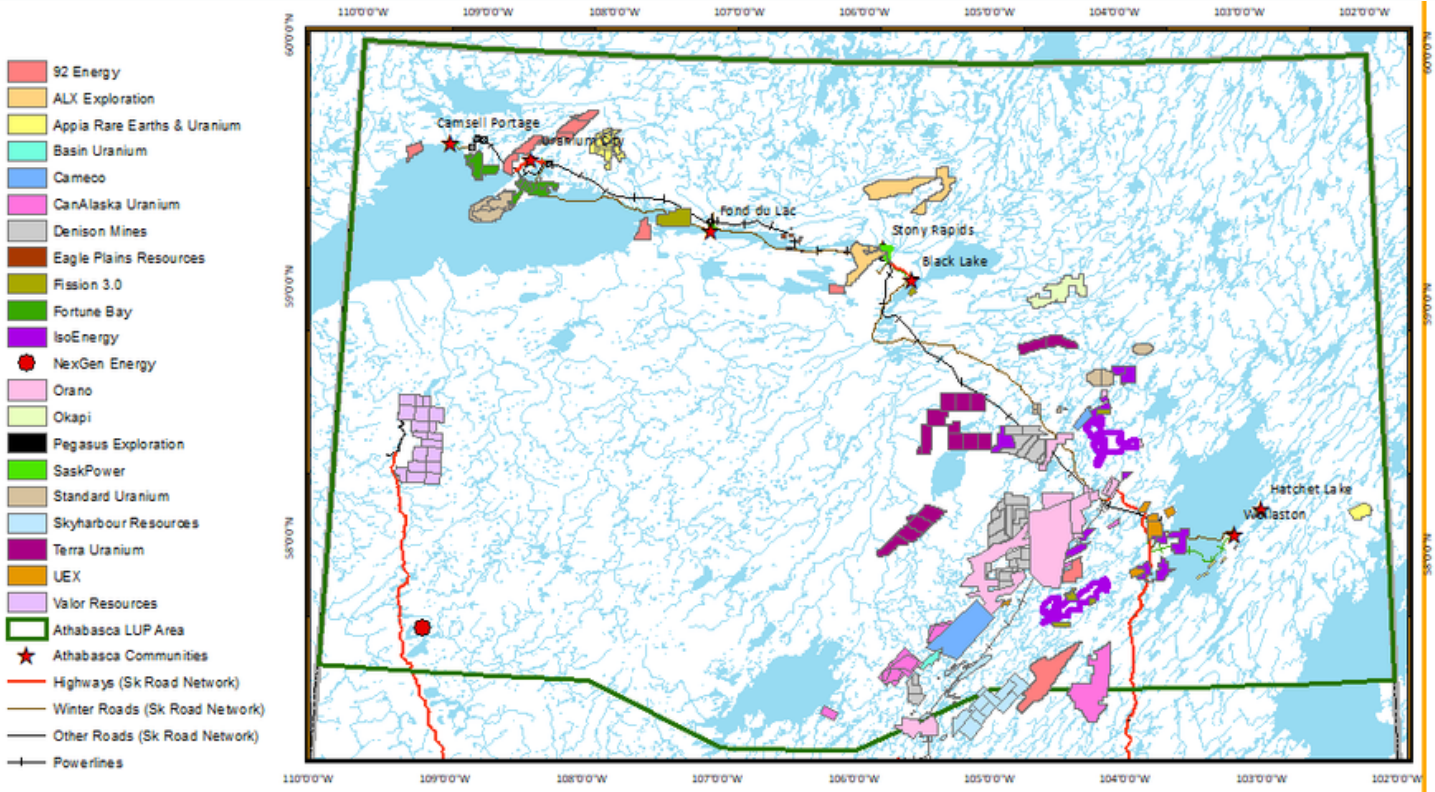
Barren-ground Caribou monitoring in Nuhenéné Saskatchewan

This past winter, Ya'thi Néné Lands & Resources was able to conduct scouting flights to monitor and document barren-ground caribou presence within their wintering grounds in the Saskatchewan portion of the Athabasca Denesųłiné territory, Nuhenéné. Barren-ground caribou were spotted at various locations deep within Saskatchewan, throughout the entire harvesting season (January – March)! Community Land Technicians flew at various times and locations and documented caribou, caribou tracks, harvesting sites and any other wildlife observations during these flights. GPS points and pictures were taken, and these were forwarded to our main office for mapping and documentation. Locations where barren-ground caribou were seen aligned with our proposed Indigenous Protected Areas and our Land Use Plan zones, further emphasizing how important these areas are for our communities and the caribou!



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Project Name	Permit Length	Permitted Activity	Project Name	Permit Length	Permitted Activity
92 Energy Cypress	Dec-23	exploration	IsoEnergy Hawk	Jul-23	exploration
92 Energy Gemini	Mar-24	exploration	IsoEnergy Larocque camp land disposition	2027	exploration
92 Energy laydown site land disposition	2027	exploration	IsoEnergy Larocque East	Mar-25	exploration
92 Energy Powerline	Dec-23	exploration	IsoEnergy North Thorburn	Dec-24	exploration
92 Energy Tower	Mar-24	exploration	IsoEnergy Radio	Dec-24	exploration
92 Energy Wares	Apr-25	exploration	IsoEnergy Ranger	Jul-23	exploration
92 Energy Wormboiler	Apr-25	exploration	IsoEnergy Thorburn	Dec-24	exploration
ALX Resources Gibbons Creek	Mar-24	exploration	IsoEnergy Trident	Dec-23	exploration
ALX Resources Flying Vee	Mar-24	exploration	NexGen Rook Island site infrastructure and confirmation	---	exploration
Appia Alces Lake	Dec-23	exploration	Okapi Newnham	Jul-24	exploration
Appia Loranger	Nov-23	exploration	Orano Close Lake	Jun-23	exploration
Appia Eastside	Nov-23	exploration	Orano Getty Russell	Jun-23	exploration
Basin Uranium Mann Lake	Sep-23	exploration	Orano Kernaghan Bell	Jun-23	exploration
Cameco Dawn Lake	Dec-23	exploration	Orano Midwest	Jun-23	exploration
Cameco Read Lake	Sep-24	exploration	Orano Waterbury Cigar	Jun-23	exploration
CanAlaska Cree East	May-23	exploration	Orano Waterbury UEM	Dec-23	exploration
CanAlaska Geikie exploration	Dec-23	exploration	Orano Waterfound	Jun-23	exploration
CanAlaska McTavish	May-23	exploration	Orano Woolly	Jun-23	exploration
CanAlaska North Millennium	May-23	exploration	Pegasus Pine Channel	Aug-23	exploration
CanAlaska Waterbury	May-23	exploration	Potzus Aggregate Extraction	---	gravel pit
CanAlaska West McArthur	May-23	exploration	SaskPower C2W	Dec-23	vegetation clearing/maintenance
CanAlaska Laydown Site industrial permit	Mar-28	exploration	SaskPower Camsell Dams	Dec-23	vegetation clearing/maintenance
CanAlaska Seal Lake Camp	Mar-28	exploration	SaskPower Island Falls	2027	vegetation clearing/maintenance
Cree Lake Lodge	33 years	airstrip lease	SaskPower ST511 Distribution Line	Dec-23	vegetation clearing/maintenance
Denison Bell	Dec-23	exploration	SaskPower ST512 Distribution Line	Dec-23	vegetation clearing/maintenance
Denison Candle, Darby & Johnston Lake	Dec-23	exploration	SaskPower WPMP Rebuild	Mar-24	vegetation clearing/maintenance
Denison Moon Lake and Moon Lake South	Oct-23	exploration	Selwyn Lake Lodge	2025	legitimize an existing lagoon
Denison Johnston	Dec-23	exploration	Skyharbour Russell Lake	Apr-25	exploration
Denison Waterbury	Nov-24	exploration	Skyharbour Moore Lakes	Mar-26	exploration
Denison Wheeler drill & surveys	Aug-25	exploration	Standard Uranium Atlantic	Dec-23	exploration
Denison Advanced Wheeler R Project Area	2027	exploration	Standard Uranium Ascent	Jun-23	exploration
Eagle Plains Pine Channel	Aug-23	exploration	Standard Uranium Canary	Feb-24	exploration
Fission 3.0 Bird	Feb-24	exploration	Standard Uranium Sundog	Jun-24	exploration
Fission 3.0 Murphy Lake	Sep-23	exploration	Terra Uranium Parker Pasfield HawkRock	Dec-23	exploration
Fission 3.0 Seahorse	Dec-23	exploration	UEX Christie Lake	Mar-24	exploration
Fission 3.0 Hearty Bay	Mar-24	exploration	UEX Dwyer Lake	Dec-23	exploration
Fission 3.0 Cree	Mar-24	exploration	UEX Pow Bay	Dec-23	exploration
Fortune Bay Murmac	Oct-24	exploration	UEX Vixen Lake	Dec-23	exploration
Fortune Bay Strike	Nov-24	exploration	UEX McClean South	Jul-26	exploration
Fortune Bay Goldfields	Oct-24	exploration	UEX Horseshoe Raven	Mar-24	exploration
IsoEnergy Edge	Nov-23	exploration	Valor Cluff Lake	Feb-24	exploration
IsoEnergy Geiger	Jun-24	exploration			



COMMUNITY

LAND TECHNICIANS in the FIELD



Students Learn to Set Nets on Black Lake

By Ian Donard

On March 13th and 14th, the Black Lake CLTs, along with some helpers, taught local youth the traditional way to fish using nets. The ice was still thick on the lake and the youth were in awe of the techniques used to cut through the ice, using hand tools like ice chisels, rather than chain saws and augers.

This was the first time these students had the opportunity to use traditional hand tools to make a hole in the ice and set nets. It was enlightening for the students to understand the amount of energy required and how much harder it would have been a long time ago, especially if the ice was thicker.

The students admitted they had always wanted to learn how to do this and were glad they had a chance to gain some traditional knowledge. The overall feedback from the students was very positive and the consensus was to keep learning and get more experience so they can be self-sufficient.

After the fish were caught, a shore lunch was prepared, where the students learned how to make a fire using spruce boughs as fire starter, also placing spruce boughs on the ground to sit on for warmth and cushioning. The fish harvested were then distributed throughout the community to Elders and young people as well.



CLTs teaching Black Lake students to set the fish nets.



CLTs and students enjoying a shore lunch.

Capacity Building

By Margaret Powder

The CLTs have been busy expanding our knowledge and recently completed five courses through the Saskatoon Business College: Microsoft Excel 1 & 2; Emotional Intelligence for Business Professionals, Practical Leadership, and Performance Management. We were also fortunate to complete our Wilderness CPR.

Aside from continuous learning, the CLTs have been busy with CBEMP, and interviewing community members of Uranium City & Camsell Portage about their harvesting areas. A traditional food study was also recently completed on berries, fish, mammals, and birds in areas of inactive mining. The results of the study will be published in a final report made available to community leadership, Cameco Corporation, and Orano, but will not be shared without further consent of Uranium City/Camsell Portage Leadership. We continue to engage in duty to consult interviews pertaining to exploration activities in our area.

Site Inspections

By Derek Cook and Jean Tsannie

On March 29, 2023, we were tasked to go out to Standard Uranium's sites to conduct site inspections near Indian Head Lodge, south of Uranium City, SK. The site inspection consisted of 3 locations: Halifax Island, Johnston Island, and Stewart Island. It is important to conduct these site inspections prior to, during, and after work has been completed. In this case, we went out to these sites while drilling was still happening but near the end of the season.

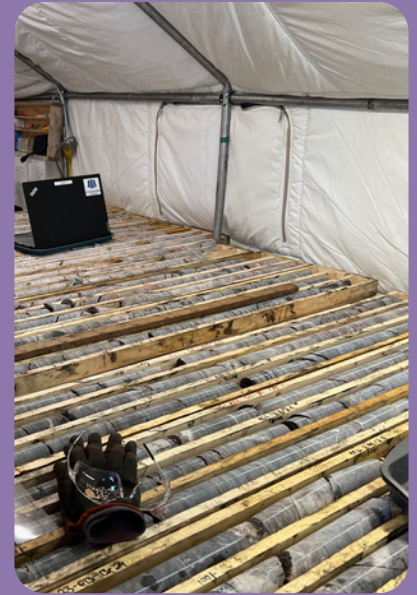
Winter roads to these sites are vital, and conditions of the ice roads are constantly monitored and must meet safe operating guidelines. Exploration companies utilize these roads until they become closed for insurance purposes during the off-season. Therefore, we must also follow deadlines and conduct site inspections as required and report to our supervisor on any deficiencies and follow up with the site supervisor to rectify any flaws. It is important to do our due diligence and keep the environment as clean as possible and remain habitable for all wildlife.

Over the past couple months, the CLTs also conducted final site inspections with Forum Wollaston, 10 km South of Barge Landing where the sandpit is located. The first inspection at this site was done in October 2022, during freeze-up, to ensure the safety of everyone involved.

This site was home to drilling activity and exploration, but the permit has now expired. As CLTs, we need to protect the land long after exploration is complete and to ensure there is no trace of garbage, damage, or unfinished business on our protected lands. As messengers for the community, we make sure everything is done properly according to the permit – checking the specifics outlined within the permit and monitoring areas for leakage, spills and anything that would affect the land and water.

As CLTs, we understand the importance of community, our youth, and the need for them to understand what we do at YNLR; it is our duty to teach them about the roles we play in the community as land technicians. A trip to Cochrane River for a youth camp in March was a success and provided an opportunity for us to teach some Wollaston students survival skills and the traditional ways of life. It was overall a fun learning experience that is beneficial, not only to the students, but for the whole community.

We are passionate about the work that we do to protect our lands and waters, and we are proud to say we are trusted members of the community, working with the leaders to inform them of what is coming and the valuable work that the CLTs do to protect our environment for years to come.



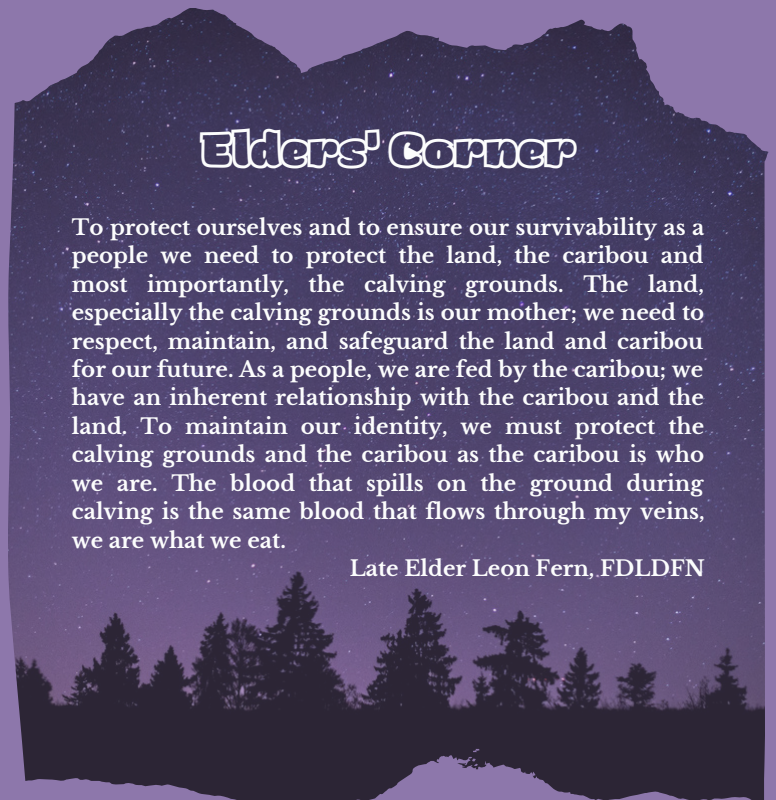
Cumulative Effects

By Bruce Hanbidge

YNLR has received a substantial grant to look into the long-term impacts of exploration and other industrial developments in Nuhenéné. The grant (\$350,000) from The Indigenous Centre for Cumulative Effects (ICCE) will enable YNLR to develop an analysis tool that looks at the long-term effects of developments on the health of caribou over the entire landscape as opposed to the current method used by government that only looks at local and short-term impacts of developments on the land.

This analysis tool will be unique in that it will incorporate traditional knowledge along with contemporary science, a two-eyed way of seeing, to determine impacts of development on the land. Going forward, the results of these cumulative effects analyses will be used to guide decisions on when to withhold consent for industrial activities, including groups of industrial activities, that will negatively affect the land and the caribou.

Lastly, there has been a staff change in the YNLR office; Dana Kellett has assumed the day-to-day management of CLTs from Bruce Hanbidge. This will increase the scope of work that YNLR can engage and increase the utilization of CLTs for an increasing range of activities.



Elders' Corner

To protect ourselves and to ensure our survivability as a people we need to protect the land, the caribou and most importantly, the calving grounds. The land, especially the calving grounds is our mother; we need to respect, maintain, and safeguard the land and caribou for our future. As a people, we are fed by the caribou; we have an inherent relationship with the caribou and the land. To maintain our identity, we must protect the calving grounds and the caribou as the caribou is who we are. The blood that spills on the ground during calving is the same blood that flows through my veins, we are what we eat.

Late Elder Leon Fern, FDLDFN

TRAINING & EMPLOYMENT

Updates in Nuhenēnē

Ed'lenate, Happy Spring 2023! Here are some of the highlights from our most recent quarter – Dene Robillard

2023 Athabasca Fly In Career Fair – “Education is Power!”

The Keewatin Community Development Association (KCDA) hosted their annual Athabasca Fly In Career Fair from May 29th to June 1st where Ya'thi Néné Lands & Resources (YNLR) were happy to take part in and support this year!

This was the first year returning to in-person since the Covid pandemic, and was well attended by Black Lake, Fond du Lac, and Hatchet Lake schools. Numerous organizations attended, including Athabasca Basin Development, Rise Air, Team Drilling, QM Points, Flyer Electric, RCMP, Northlands College, First Nations University of Canada (University of Regina), Athabasca Health Authority, and Boreal Heartland.

“I feel that we’ve had tremendous success,” says Cara Greyeyes, KCDA Program Manager, “and I believe that the successes that we have is from the powerful messages our young professionals bring to the youth about education and we’ve had so much support from the local community as well as the Athabasca Basin companies.”

YNLR staff, Brianda Robillard and Dene Robillard, were provided the incredible opportunity to be mentor speakers for this year's Fly In Career Fair, where they were both able to present and to have conversations with students and community members about how education has paved the way to so many opportunities in life. The overall messages and conversations were encouraging, and we hope our involvement has lasting impacts on our students and community members in the far north.

YNLR is proud to have been a part of this wonderful experience and journey, and we look forward to taking part again in the coming years ahead.



Brianda Robillard and Dene Robillard attend Fly In Career Fair as mentor speakers.



The Fly In Career Fair was well attended.

WD PrairiesCan Jobs & Growth Fund Update

Both YNLR and the Athabasca Education, Employment and Development Committee (AEEDC) have been seeing a lot of economic activity in the region as well as in Saskatchewan, and labor shortages are anticipated. Our goal is to get community members work ready to take advantage of these opportunities and ultimately onto a path towards their own personal interests. Our group has an ongoing workplan that puts us on a visual path that gives a sketch of our long-term vision that hopefully assists you with training and employment opportunities in the Basin. Additionally, the Jobs and Growth Fund provides YNLR with the extra pool of resources to help create jobs and position local economies for long-term growth.

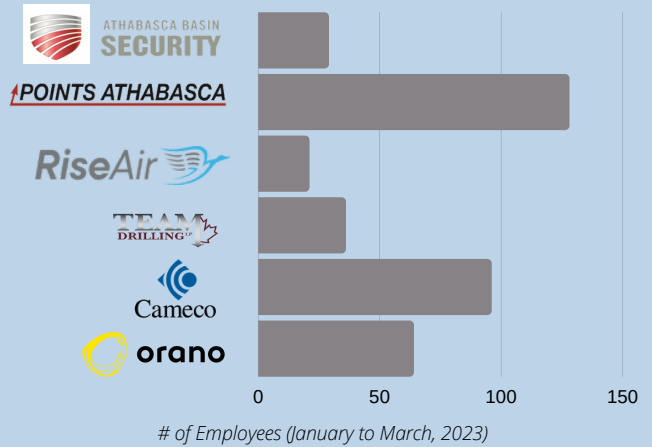
To date, the Jobs & Growth Fund has supported two intakes of Driller Helpers with TEAM DRILLING, two intakes of Driller Helpers with BRYSON DRILLING, and one intake of Digital Literacy training with CAMECO. Our AEEDC members are currently awaiting confirmation of other joint venture business/institute partner contributions for current and upcoming programming with YNLR's Jobs & Growth Fund. There will be Mill Utility work experience opportunities in the near future. Please keep up to date with any current and upcoming employment & training initiatives on our Facebook page, and the Ya'thi Néné EXPORT database website: <https://www.yathinene.ca/export-user>

NOW OPEN to Apply! The 2023-24 Athabasca Scholarship Program

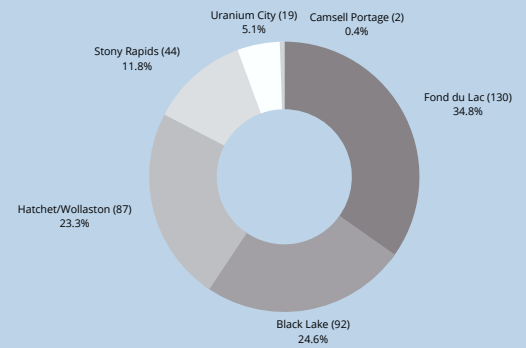
Visit our website at www.yathinene.ca/scholarships for more information about our scholarship program, and to apply! The deadline is July 31st, 2023 – so get your application in today if you're registered in any Trades/technical and/or University programming for the Fall/Winter terms!

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

Basin Employer Statistics



Employees by Location



Indigenous Leadership: Governance and Development Case Study Project

Ya' thi Néné Lands and Resources (YNLR) agreed to a request to participate in a case study being conducted by Johnson Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy (JSGS), who offer degrees and micro-credential programs to graduate students and current policy practitioners. They undertake research on local, provincial, national, and global policy issues.

The project was funded by the Government of Saskatchewan's Ministry of Trade and Export Development. The project researchers are Murray Fulton (Principal Investigator), Priscilla Wolf, and Vern Bachiu.

The case study was designed to be used by the case study participants and Indigenous communities across Saskatchewan as they pursue economic growth. The case study will also be used by the Government of Saskatchewan's Ministry of Trade and Export Development to promote economic development in the province. The case may also be used in teaching, governance training, and/or strategic planning.

Samples Were Collected Near Rabbit Lake



Sampled area

Rabbit Lake

Results

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What do the results tell us?

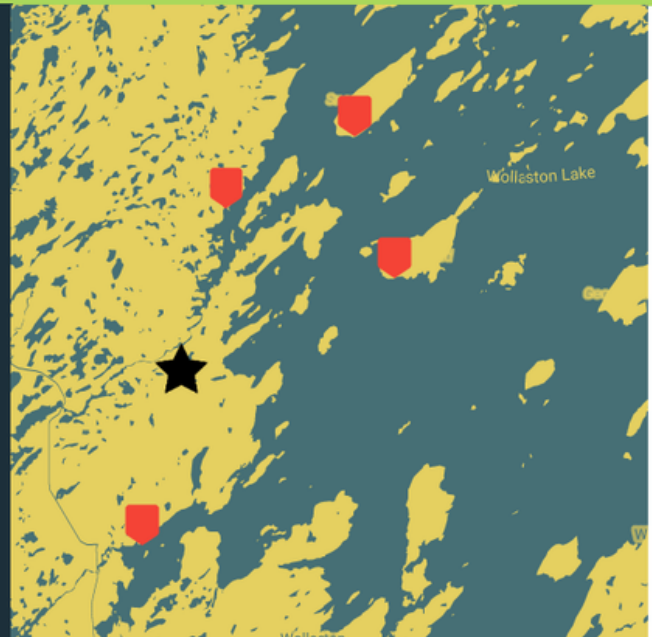
The results from our Independent Environmental Monitoring Program (IEMP) support our assessment that the environmental protection program put in place by the licensee is effective. Our results add to the body of evidence that the public and environment around the licensed Rabbit Lake Operation are protected.

Federal and provincial authorities set **safe levels** for hazardous substances and radionuclides released by a nuclear facility, such as the Rabbit Lake Operation.

Cameco owns and is licensed to operate the Rabbit Lake Mine and Mill site (black star) located in Northern Saskatchewan.

The Facility contains a uranium mine, a mill and a waste rock storage and tailings management facility.

The IEMP takes samples in public areas around the facility (orange markers).



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What did we test for?

Heavy metals

Selenium, Zinc, Arsenic, Uranium, Molybdenum, etc.

Radionuclides

Polonium-210, Lead-210, Radium-226, Thorium-230

What did we sample?

We tested the following items around the licensed site.

Fish

Northern Pike
Lake Whitefish
Lake Trout
Walleye



Plants

Blueberries
Labrador Tea



Water

Collins Bay
Hidden Bay
Blue Island
Snowshoe Island



CNSC staff examined all the results and concluded that the fish, blueberries, Labrador tea, and water are safe for use. We would like to thank the Ya'thi Néné Lands and Resource Office for collaborating with CNSC on the Rabbit Lake IEMP.



CNSC staff with Ya' thi Néné Community Land Technician and CanNorth staff at Wollaston Lake.

To learn more:

<https://www.nuclearsafety.gc.ca/IEMP/RabbitLake>



Explore training opportunities with Cameco



Cameco is offering **FREE** skill development training for Residents of Saskatchewan's North living in, and members of, communities in the Athabasca Basin. Virtual courses include digital readiness, industrial and safety training, and an introduction to Cameco.

Participants who successfully complete most of the courses are eligible to apply for a **PAID** three-month work experience position, made possible with the support of the Ya' thi Néné Land and Resource Office and the WD PrairiesCan Jobs & Growth Fund, at one of Cameco's northern operations.

Female participation is strongly encouraged.



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Don't wait—sign up today by contacting your community liaison:

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Athabasca Basin Summer Students Arrive

We are so pleased to once again welcome summer students from the Athabasca Basin to our McClean Lake Operation. Some of the students are new to our site, while others are returning students whose experience and great attitudes will be a fantastic addition at the site! More departments are getting involved this year, with the following students arriving in May:

Safety Student - Shenelle Echodh | Black Lake | Bachelor of Science (Nursing)

Radiation Protection Student - Brayden Lidguerre | Fond du Lac | Kinesiology (U of S)

Warehouse Student - Skye Mercredi | Black Lake | Human Justice and Policing (U of R)

Warehouse Student - Veronica McDonald | Fond du Lac | Bachelor of Arts (First Nations University of Canada)

Services Student - Christen Rennie | Black Lake | Arts and Science - Psychology (First Nations University of Canada)

Services Student - Laynee Dantouze-Josie | Wollaston Lake | Just graduated from high school - undecided

Administrative Student - Janessa Toutsaint | Black Lake | Office Admin Certificate (Northlands College)



Summer Student, Skye Mercredi

Thank you students for joining us for the summer. We look forward to hearing about your achievements and wish you all the best in your studies.

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 or social media.

Site Elders Provide Advice and Guidance

McClean Lake is advertising for a Site Elder Advisor from the communities of Hatchet Lake and/or Wollaston Lake. The Site Elder visits the operation once per month and offers employees advice and a non-judgemental listening ear. The Elder supports them with any problems at work or home and shares cultural learnings.

To find out more about the position and to apply, please contact your Community Liaison or see the Orano Canada website at: www.orano.group/canada/en/our-careers

Exploration Winter Program Wraps Up

Orano Canada's winter exploration activities began in late-December 2022 and continued into April 2023. Three drilling programs were completed, as well as a ground geophysical program. One drill program and an airborne geophysical program are planned to start this summer.



In total, three drilling programs were carried out during the winter for a total of 14,280 meters and 27 completed drill holes. Drilling activities occurred on three projects in the McClean Lake area: Waterbury-UEM, Waterbury/Cigar Lake, and Waterfound River. This exploration focus near the operation supports our objective to support the mill and make it a regional mill for future projects.

Drilling on the Waterfound River project focused on an area of new, high-grade mineralization (discovered in 2022) and will continue this summer with further exploration along this very prospective trend.

Drilling on the Waterbury-UEM and Waterbury/Cigar projects focused on a trend that contains recently discovered uranium mineralization in an area with very little historical exploration work. Results to date have been very encouraging with strong indications of favorable geology and/or uranium mineralization associated with several kilometres of under-explored conductors.

Completed Ground geophysical work includes 31.5 km line of Moving Loop Time Domain EM on the Mirror River project. A program of roughly 14 km of DC resistivity was completed at the end of April.

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 Denesúliné 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 at bruce.hanbidge@yathinene.com or call (306) 477-1251.

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