

# AREVA n̄h ghalaná honie

Fall 2016 - Our connection with the Athabasca Basin

Fond du Lac \* Stony Rapids \* Black Lake \* Hatchet Lake \* Camsell Portage \* Uranium City \* Wollaston Lake

## » Ya'Thi Néné Collaboration Agreement

On June 10, 2016, AREVA, Cameco, the three First Nation communities of Black Lake, Fond du Lac and Hatchet Lake and the four communities of Stony Rapids, Wollaston Lake, Uranium City and Camsell Portage signed the Ya'Thi Néné Collaboration Agreement (meaning Lands of the North in Dene). This new collaboration agreement (CA) addresses AREVA's McClean Lake Operation along with other nearby uranium operations. It builds on existing relationships and commercial arrangements, replacing an earlier agreement signed in 1999. This CA is structured on the five pillars of workforce development, business development, community engagement, environmental stewardship and community investment.



The Ya'Thi Néné CA will rely on the work of joint committees established to ensure the file pillars are respected, including the Athabasca Joint Engagement and Environment Subcommittee (AJES) and the Joint Implementation Committee (JIC). The intent of the AJES is to be the primary point of contact for engagement and information sharing between AREVA and Cameco operations and the Athabasca Basin communities. The JIC is the higher level committee responsible for ensuring the proper implementation of the CA. There is also the Ya'Thi Néné Land and Resource Office, which will ensure that there is capacity for environmental management and monitoring. For any questions about this agreement we encourage you to contact your community leadership.

We thank all seven Athabasca Basin community representatives and residents for their warm welcome during the celebrations of this new CA this summer, and for their continued support of our operations.

*In photo: Vincent Martin, AREVA's CEO, Diane McDonald, Lead negotiator for Athabasca Basin communities, and Tim Gitzel, Cameco's CEO, received quilted blankets from Chief Bart Tsannie of Hatchet Lake.*

## » Rose Brown - Hard at Work at the McClean Lake Camp



Rose Brown has been hard at work for over 12 years as a camp housekeeper at AREVA's McClean Lake Operation. Rose is one of Athabasca Catering's 48 employees who work at McClean Lake, providing the camp with both housekeeping and catering services. Like many employees working at the camp, she is from the Athabasca Basin. Rose was born and raised in Stony Rapids and currently lives in Saskatoon, although she gets back to Stony Rapids as often as she can.

At 65, Rose shows no signs of slowing down. As she has for many years now, Rose works on a two-week rotation, keeping busy and on her feet for 11 hours each day. Despite the demands of her position, Rose has no plans to quit anytime soon. "As long as I'm healthy and able, I will keep going," she says. Rose adds, "at my age, my body just needs to keep moving." Rose's daily duties include making beds, sweeping and mopping, doing laundry, and ensuring that the hallways and foyer are spotless. Rose emphasizes that like many at McClean Lake, her job is safety oriented. "I'm always thinking about safety and ensuring that my surroundings are in order," she says. Rose explains that after several years of working in her position, she has perfected her routine. Although Rose may make it look easy, she admits that the work can be challenging. "We work very hard. I don't think people could understand just how tough this job can be until they have done it themselves."

Rose expresses her love for her job and her coworkers. "The girls I work with are awesome; we talk and joke around a lot and I am not treated any different because I am older," she says. Rose also likes to keep busy off the clock. "There is always something to do at camp," she says. In the summer she enjoys picking berries and going for boat rides. Rose also enjoys doing crafts and bead work, going for walks, reading true crime stories, playing bingo, and volunteering for the camp's recreation office. "When I fly into work, it's like coming back to my second home," she says. This statement really rings true as two of Rose's sons also work at the McClean Lake Operation. Her boys, Duncan and Allistair Brown, are both mill operators. When back in Saskatoon, Rose loves to spend as much time as possible with her children and grandchildren.



## » McClean Lake - Operating Licence Renewal

AREVA has requested a hearing to renew the McClean Lake operating licence with the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC). The hearing is expected to be held June 7-8, 2017 in La Ronge, as the licence expires on June 30, 2017.

AREVA will be working with the relevant committees established under the Ya'Thi Néné Collaboration Agreement to ensure the appropriate level of engagement with your communities regarding this licence renewal.



## » Northern Lights School Division Donation

On September 26, Connie Mercredi, AREVA's Northern Affairs Advisor, was pleased to present Mark Williment, Superintendent of Education for the Northern Lights School Division #113 with a cheque for **\$30,000!** This donation represents AREVA's contribution to the High-School Football Jamboree Program.

We wish all the northern high-school football players a great season ahead!



## » Children's Hospital of Saskatchewan - \$500,000 Donation

It was with great excitement on September 21 that we announced our donation of \$500,000 to support a family room in the Maternal Care Centre at the new Children's Hospital of Saskatchewan. Our contribution to the Children's Hospital Foundation of Saskatchewan's "We Can't Wait" Capital Campaign means that pregnant women, new mothers, and their families will have a home-away-from-home right outside their hospital room doors when they deliver their babies.

Construction on the 176-inpatient bed facility is approximately 25% complete and is scheduled to open in 2019. Complete with a dining space, comfortable lounge furniture, and a large television, the AREVA Family Room will offer a home-like environment for family members while awaiting the arrival of their new bundle of joy. It will provide positive distraction and comfort, and also privacy and discretion if uncertainties arise.



"We are proud to invest in communities near our activities and operations, and to support healthcare infrastructure and services for the benefit of all in Saskatchewan," says Tammy Van Lambalgen, Vice President Corporate Affairs & General Counsel. "The AREVA Family Room will provide a needed space for families to gather and take a break. It's a space that will be particularly useful for those travelling from out of town, such as many of our employees' families and friends from northern Saskatchewan."

## » Athabasca Awards

The Athabasca Awards Program, funded by AREVA and Cameco, recognizes the accomplishments of grade 7 to 12 students attending provincial and First Nation schools in the Athabasca region.

In September 2016, a total of **82 students** were recognized under this program for their achievements during the 2015-2016 school year. This year, student award recipients were from the communities of Black Lake, Stony Rapids, Wollaston Lake and Fond du Lac.

The program provides awards in academics, math and science, practical and applied arts, as well as an Athabasca award presented to top overall students for their academic and attendance achievements, along with pride in northern heritage, and extracurricular or leadership activities.

The goal of the program is to promote student achievement and academic success while increasing the number of grade 12 graduates. A monetary award and a gift are given to each recipient.



**Black Lake Award Recipients**



**Stony Rapids Award Recipients**

**Congratulations to our 2015-2016 award recipients! We wish you continued success in your academic endeavours!**

## » McClean Lake Update



This summer was very busy at McClean Lake! In August, we welcomed 106 AREVA employees' family members. Every other year, AREVA makes arrangements to bring family members who are interested in seeing the site and camp facilities. This year, **AREVA hosted 28 participants from Wollaston, Fond du Lac, Buffalo Narrows, Stony Rapids and Uranium City.** These special guests got to see how things work at the McClean Lake mill, tour the camp and share a meal with all the employees. AREVA thanks all the family members who came to see where they work and live during their seven-day shift on site.

The summer ended with the recruitment of the new intake of the **McClean Lake Mill Operations Training Program** participants. AREVA received well over 200

applications from which eight trainees were selected. The new trainees, from the communities of Beauval, Ile-a-la-Crosse, Pelican Narrows, Turner Lake and Wollaston, started their first shift on September 21, 2016 and are expected to complete their training on December 7, 2016.

The McClean Lake mill was on a planned three-week shut-down in September to perform required maintenance work. The installation of a new, more efficient, chimney for the calciner was one of the main projects undertaken during this maintenance period.

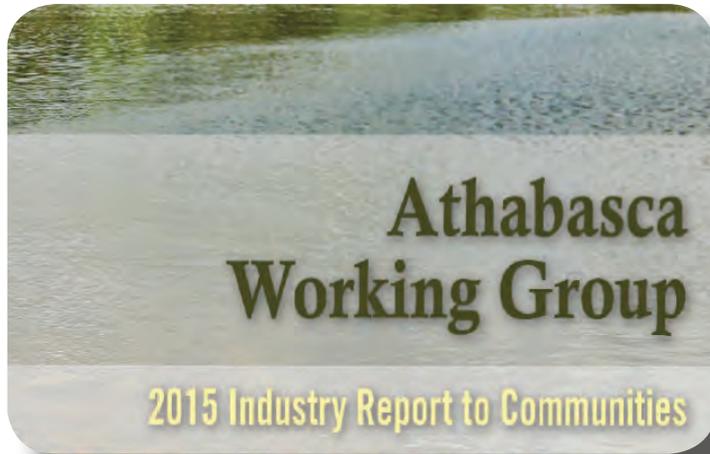
Overall, the McClean Lake mill has been operating well and production is currently on target to reach 16 million pounds of uranium ore concentrate by year-end. The last phase of the mill expansion, the construction of a new tailings neutralization facility by Points Athabasca Contracting Ltd. (PACL) is now complete and the facility's commissioning is well under way. PACL's team has now left the site and AREVA thanks them for delivering this project on time and on budget.



**Family Day Participants**

As of the end of September 2016, AREVA had a total of **350 employees** at McClean Lake, including **52% from northern Saskatchewan and 47% self-declared Aboriginal.** Fifty (14%) McClean Lake employees reside in the Athabasca Basin. Check our website at [www.avevaresources.ca/careers](http://www.avevaresources.ca/careers) (select "All our offers", then "Show Criteria" and set the "Location" as North America/Canada/Saskatchewan) to view our job openings and apply or contact our La Ronge office.

# » Athabasca Working Group - Report to Communities



Late this summer, AREVA and Cameco released their 2015 Industry Report to the Athabasca Basin Communities. The Athabasca Working Group report outlines the commitments made by the uranium industry in Saskatchewan to promote employment, training, business development, environmental protection and direct community investments for the benefit of Athabasca Basin communities.

Represented by the Athabasca Working Group are Black Lake Denesuline First Nation, Fond du Lac Denesuline First Nation, Hatchet Lake Denesuline First Nation, and the communities of Wollaston, Lake, Stony Rapids, Uranium City and Camsell Portage.

## Highlights from the Report:

In 2015, the direct economic benefits from the uranium industry to Athabasca Basin communities totaled **\$21,406,167**. The total economic benefits in 2015 totaled **\$314,406,167**, which includes expenditures paid to Basin owned companies.

### Direct Employment at Cameco & AREVA operations



**204 residents\*** - \$20,747,129  
\*at time of hire

Cameco  
\$16,478,227

AREVA  
\$4,268,902

### Contractor Employment at Cameco & AREVA operations



**142 residents** (payroll not disclosed)

Cameco  
100 contractors

AREVA  
42 contractors

### Business with Basin-owned Companies



**\$293,000,000**

Cameco  
\$257,000,000

AREVA  
\$36,000,000

### Community Investment promoting education, sports, recreation & health



**46 projects** - \$537,773

Cameco & Cigar Lake JV Partners  
\$351,102

AREVA & McClean Lake JV Partners  
\$186,671

### Student Awards & Scholarships strengthening future generations through education



**95 students** - \$96,265

Cameco & Cigar Lake JV Partners  
\$55,200

AREVA & McClean Lake JV Partners  
\$41,065

### AREVA AWG Donations Regional Initiatives

Prince Albert Fine Arts Festival – Athabasca Costs	\$10,000.00
5th Annual Denesuline Youth Camp	\$5,000.00
Annual Santa Tour – all communities	\$10,000.00

To read the full report with break-downs for each Athabasca Basin community, visit our website at [www.avevaresources.ca](http://www.avevaresources.ca) and click on **Resources > Community > AWG Annual Report 2015**.

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