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cameco in northern saskatchewan

Nothing Better than a Fish Fry

Cameco helps serve lunch at Pinehouse's Annual Elders Gathering



Six Rivers Fund releases first annual report (p.3)

Better Together

The Lac La Ronge Indian Band and Cameco commit to growing their partnership



Cameco President and CEO, Tim Gitzel and Chief Tammy Cook Searson exchange gifts to celebrate signing of a collaboration agreement between the company and the band on June 19 at La Ronge.

“Our relationship is a model for the country. This agreement is consistent with the goals of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. As partners, Cameco and LLRIB are doing important work.” - Tammy Cook Searson

RECONCILIATION

In an effort to redress the legacy of residential schools and advance the process of reconciliation in Canada, the Truth and Reconciliation Commission came up with 94 calls to action. Included in that was a framework for the corporate sector:

- Commit to meaningful consultation, build respectful relationships and obtain informed consent before proceeding with economic development projects.
- Ensure Aboriginal peoples have equal access to jobs, training, and education opportunities.
- Ensure Aboriginal communities gain long-term sustainable benefits from economic development projects.
- Provide education for management and staff on the history of Aboriginal peoples.

“This partnership will benefit all of us. The agreement clearly outlines how we will continue to work together to support the band’s businesses, people and communities.” - Tim Gitzel

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE AGREEMENT:



Community Engagement and Environmental Stewardship

Regular meetings and a specific process for the community to learn more and raise concerns



Business Development

- Life-of-mine contracts for band-owned businesses Northern Resources Trucking (NRT) and Athabasca Catering

- Contracting opportunities for other band-owned businesses including CanNorth Environmental



Workforce Development

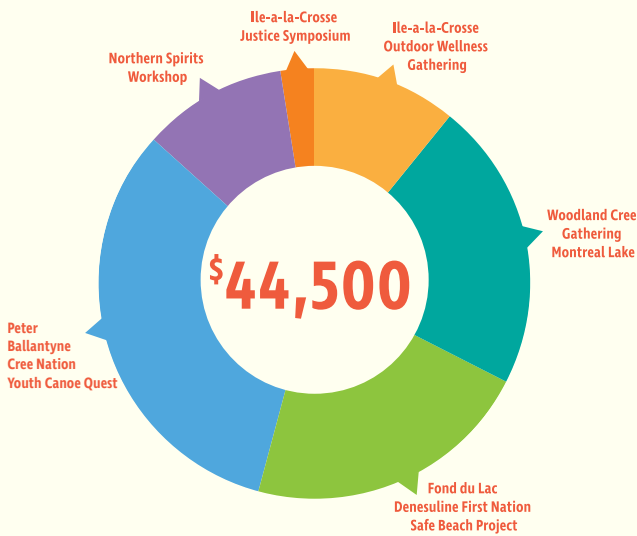
Maximize employment opportunities with dedicated education funding, training and recruitment



Community Investment

Provides for annual production-based payments to a community trust for local projects and infrastructure

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CULTIVATING LANGUAGE, COMMUNITY AND CULTURE

The Six Rivers Fund helps support the gathering of the Woodland Cree

The Woodland Cree in northern Saskatchewan gather each summer to celebrate their strong language, promote traditional culture and bring their communities together to discuss how they can work together.

In July last year they met for five, mostly sunny, days in Montreal Lake. Roger Bird, a band councillor for Montreal Lake Cree Nation, was one of the organizing hosts. It was no small job, with between 500 and 700 people attending each day.

“All of our meals were offered free of charge,” says Bird. “So a great deal of the money we received from Six Rivers went towards covering the cost of the food and helping with site preparation. It felt good to be able to feed our guests.”

Participants were treated to many traditional foods including moose, elk, and smoked fish.

Young people were by far the most represented at the gathering.

“It’s rewarding to see the youth taking part. One of the major highlights for them was watching one of the elders make canoe paddles, and learning how quickly it can be done.”

The Woodland Cree in Saskatchewan are comprised of members of the Lac La Ronge Cree Nation, the Montreal Lake Cree Nation and the Peter Ballantyne Cree Nation. The bands take turns hosting the popular event each year.



To apply for funding for your community project visit : www.sixriversfund.ca

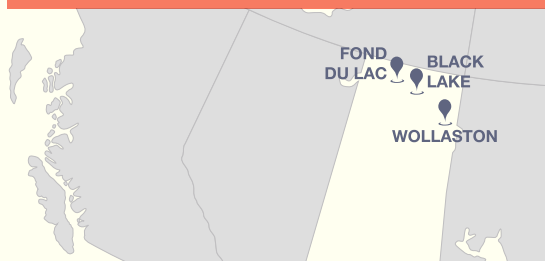
Be a part of our monitoring program



The Community Based Environmental Monitoring Program, formally the Athabasca Working Group Program, is an annual community sampling study that started in 2000.

Water, sediment, fish, plants, wildlife, and air quality are collected near the communities of Wollaston, Black Lake, Fond Du Lac, Camsell Portage and Uranium City. These communities in the Athabasca region are downstream from uranium mining and milling operations.

CanNorth oversees the program and uses local trappers and fishers to help collect the samples. Each year the results are communicated through community brochures or reports.



In addition to the samples collected through the CBEMP, northern residents are able to send their own samples in for testing if there is a concern with fish or other animals.

Please contact your community based Cameco/ AREVA Liaison for direction on how to send in a sample for testing.

Wollaston/Hatchet Lake:

Darlene Gazandlare: 306-633-2123

Black Lake/Stony Rapids:

Rick Robillard: 306-425-4144

Fond du Lac/Camsell Portage/Uranium City:

Sabrina Fern: 306-884-2357



NEW FACE IN THE CAMECO NORTHERN AFFAIRS OFFICE

Jo Anne Morin is filling a maternity leave at the La Ronge Office.

She's a LLRIB member and worked for the band for 18 years in the Public Works, Housing, Administration & Health Departments in the areas of finance and payroll.

Jo Anne is looking forward to helping people with their questions and job applications.



Jo Anne Morin: 306-425-6272