

# true north

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Supporting youth sports,  
inspiring entrepreneurs

Neechie Gear founder  
joins Cameco on  
northern tour

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Indspire scholarship by  
November 1st



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# Making a living and a difference



Kendal Netmaker, the founder and CEO of Neechie Gear, took his experience growing up and turned it into a business opportunity.

Netmaker grew up on the Sweetgrass First Nation. Although he was a skillful soccer player, his single mom couldn't afford to pay the registration fees or travel to the games.

Through the generosity of a friend's family he eventually did join a team, and stayed involved in sports throughout high school and university.

“ I've seen and experienced what sports can do for youth by developing elite athletes and future leaders, ” says Netmaker.

He says without his friend's help he wouldn't have landed a college volleyball scholarship after graduating high school, finished university, or went on to build an award-winning company.

Neechie Gear sells athletic gear and directs a portion of its proceeds to help underprivileged kids play sports.

## neechie gear

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my partner. also my friend.  
Source: Maskwacis Dictionary

Hear more of Kendal Netmaker's inspiring story during Cameco's northern tour. Cameco and a number of the company's business and training partners will share information on opportunities available in the uranium mining industry.

trade show 4:00 p.m.  
program 5:00 p.m.  
supper 6:30 pm

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**Stanley Mission**  
Rhoda Hardlotte Memorial School

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**Buffalo Narrows**  
Twin Lakes Community School

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**Ile a la Crosse**  
Rossignol High School

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**Beauval**  
Valley View Community School



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# Celebrating partnership and a return home

Pinehouse and Cameco hosted a community BBQ in August to celebrate the work done during this summer's wildfires.



Den Decker from Key Lake and Sean Willy from Cameco's head office grilling steaks.

Emergency situations often bring people together. This was true of the wildfires that raged through northern Saskatchewan this summer.

Pinehouse was one of many communities affected and grateful to have help from its partners, such as Cameco.

Pinehouse is one of the closest communities to Cameco's Key Lake operation and the site, along with the corporate head office, were eager to help. One-night's accommodation was provided to 83 evacuees, generators were provided to keep food frozen at the local stores, and soaker hoses were given so local volunteers could keep homes doused and protected from sparks.

Pinehouse leaders formally thanked Cameco at a community BBQ in August.

"We appreciate the thanks," says Sean Willy, director of corporate responsibility. "But we strive to make a difference in this community by being a good neighbour and we are just happy that everyone is safe and back home."

Cameco is proud to be bringing Olympic medalist soccer players Christine Sinclair and Kaylyn Kyle to two northern Saskatchewan communities in early October. The elite athletes will speak with students about believing in your dreams and staying on the right path. The northern trip is part of Cameco's sponsorship of Kaylyn Kyle's newly formed soccer academy.



## Apply for Cameco's Indspire scholarship



The Cameco scholarships offered through the Indspire Building Brighter Futures program are open. The scholarships support northern aboriginal students pursuing post-secondary programs and training. The scholarships have increased in size and have the potential for renewal.

 deadline for application November 1, 2015  [indspire.ca/apply](http://indspire.ca/apply)

# The Fuel Cycle in Saskatchewan



## Leaving the mill: transporting uranium

A lot of work goes into ensuring the product leaving Key Lake is packaged safely for shipping and meets Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC), International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), and Transport Canada regulations.

Stan Funk, the warehouse supervisor at Key Lake, is responsible for managing the storage of the yellowcake product and meeting the standards for loading it and releasing it to the carriers. He says there are up to five different regulator's demands in play with each shipment and crews take the quality of their work very seriously.

**“Everything is considered,” he says. “Right down to the type of movement.”**

When loading is complete, Cameco's transportation department is advised and a checks and balances session is done with site to double check all regulations are met. From there, transportation alerts Northern Resource Trucking (NRT) to pick up. The drivers take the 914 to Pinehouse and follow the 165 to Highway 2, then Highway 11 via Prince Albert to Saskatoon.



Donovan Swinnerton, Cameco's manager of transportation, says there are no stops or delays. The NRT drivers must refresh their driving hours prior to departure from Key Lake in order to accomplish a direct run to Saskatoon. If there is a need to go off route, due to construction or otherwise, NRT dispatch will call Cameco first to approve. He says NRT is a great partner. They are a longstanding northern vendor owned by the Lac La Ronge Indian Band.

“NRT is always aware, always safe,” says Swinnerton. “None of us could do what we do confidently without the quality of drivers they hire.”

At the transit warehouse in Saskatoon everything is inspected again to ensure the load hasn't been disturbed in any way. Then another trucking company, RSB Logistic Inc., completes the transfer to Cameco's conversion refinery in Blind River, Ontario.

## Dustin Vermette

Warehouse Technician  
Key Lake Operation

**Q What is a typical day like for you?**

A I'm up by 4:30 am and after breakfast I jump on the bus that takes us from camp up to the mill. We start with what we call a toolbox meeting where our supervisor goes over the daily routine and discusses any out of scope work that may be done that day. I load and unload semi-trailers outside the warehouse, load sea cans for overseas shipping, travel to the mine site as needed, as well as a variety of other tasks.

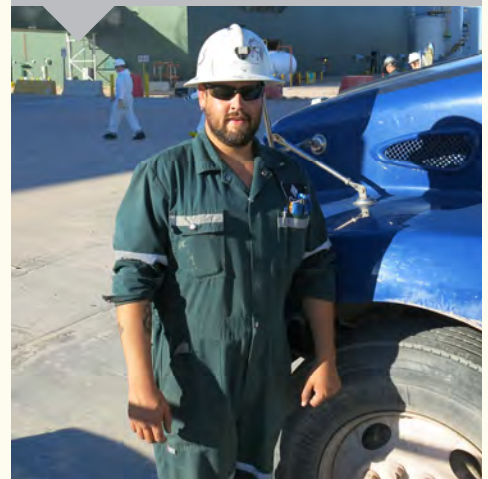
**Q What would most surprise people about the work you do?**

A I think people would probably be surprised by the amount of work we put into loading our sea containers, the amount of materials we use and all the equipment that is involved. It's very methodical.

**Q What is the best part of your job?**

A I love the variety of tasks and jobs within our department and that our crew feels like a family. You work with these people for half the year, and at times you see them more than your actual family.

**Dustin is from La Ronge.  
He's been working with Cameco since May, 2011.**



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