

Project CLEANS News

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Update: Gunnar Tailings Remediation Project

There are many activities happening this year at the former Gunnar Mine Site. In August 2016, after a robust public procurement process, SRC hired Fond du Lac Nuna Joint Venture (FDLNJV) to execute the remediation of the tailings areas at the site. In October 2016, FDLNJV mobilized and prepared for tailings remediation work that will happen from 2016 to 2020. This will be a big undertaking as there are approximately 900,000 cubic meters of waste rock to be moved, as well as 600,000 cubic meters of cover material to be placed. The project is intended to run from the start of May to October each year.

The 2017 work season will continue the development of site infrastructure (e.g., preparing roads and the borrow material area), tailings dewatering and grading, and begin cover construction on the Gunnar tailings areas. In addition to tailings remediation, SRC will conduct its annual environmental monitoring program at the site.

Community Meetings Recap

SRC held community meetings in Black Lake, Stony Rapids, Hatchet Lake, Fond du Lac and Uranium City from January 31 to February 3, 2017 to present updates on Project CLEANS.



Ian Wilson (Manager, Environmental Remediation) discussed how SRC selects contractors and how bids are evaluated, as well as what's included in the agreements (e.g., training and capacity building strategies, local heavy equipment requirements).

Chris Reid (Project Manager, Gunnar Tailings) and Skye Ketilson (Project Manager, Gunnar Other Aspects), and David Sanscartier (Project Manager, Satellite Sites) provided an overview and updates on the Gunnar,

Lorado and Satellite Sites.

Mark Calette (Senior Advisor) talked about the Student Environmental Monitoring Program, which gave four students from Black Lake, Fond du Lac and Hatchet Lake the opportunity to spend four days training at the Gunnar Mine Site. SRC is looking to run this program again in 2017.

These community meetings allow SRC to provide both an update on Project CLEANS, and to hear valuable information from the communities that may direct our management of this project.

Thank you to everyone who took part in the meetings!

HIGHLIGHTS

Fond du Lac Nuna Joint Venture

If you are interested in employment and supplier opportunities for the Gunnar Tailings Remediation Project, please contact:

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Aboriginal Mentorship Program



SRC's Aboriginal Mentorship Program is entering its third year and is welcoming a handful of new students for the summer. One student will be joining SRC's Environmental Remediation team to work on Project CLEANS.

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Update: Satellite Sites

SRC completed the remediation of two satellite sites during the 2016 field season, bringing the total of completed to eight out of 35 sites. Reports from the 2016 work season are in progress, and planning for the 2017 field season is underway.

SRC will ship material, such as stainless steel caps that will be used to permanently close six mine openings, on the ice road for the 2017 field season. There will be a lot of assessment activity in the upcoming season at sites near Uranium City to better understand environmental concerns and underground mine hazards at those sites.



Public Consultation Survey

SRC has been working with Yutthe Nene Inc., a consulting firm based in Fond du Lac Denesuline First Nation, to collect information on how often people visit the abandoned mine sites that are part of Project CLEANS and what sites are visited. The survey included visits related to recreation/sightseeing, traditional activities and employment.

Several Fond du Lac community members have been interviewed by Yutthe Nene Inc. as part of the public consultation survey. The information collected will be used by SRC to assess risks at the sites. This project was also an opportunity for technical capacity building in the community.

Artifact Found at Cayzor Athabasca Mine

Archeological surveys were carried out in 2016 to support the remediation activities at the Gunnar Mine Site and at the Satellite Sites. As part of the surveys, a projectile point was found on the shore of Jean Lake at the Cayzor Athabasca Mine, two kilometers northwest of Uranium City. The point was uncovered during earthwork at the site, and later found during an archeological survey by Alan Korejbo, Senior Archeologist at Canada North Environmental Services.

The point, made of quartz, is approximately six centimeters long, and assessment suggests that it may be 7,000 years old. Tobacco was placed on the location where the artifact was found, based on guidance from the Prince Albert Grand Council. The artifact is being transferred to the Royal Saskatchewan Museum, as required by provincial regulation.





