

Uranium City – January 29, 2019

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- **Jaynine McCrea (Fond du Lac Nuna Joint Venture (FDLNJV))**
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Discussion

Satellite Sites

Q. Looking at the criteria you have for workers on the project, do you have criteria for a certain number of or percentage of women?

A. There is nothing specific, but the wording states that the process is to be all inclusive and non-discriminatory.

Q. What about the criteria for equipment usage? Is that including Indigenous?

A. It is not specific to Indigenous. The second point is for the equipment, not the operator.



Q. How is the gamma survey done? Is it on contact?

A. The survey is done one meter above the ground.

Q. How much soil is required to cover the gamma spots? What is required for protection?

A. We are putting 30-50 cm over the hot spots, which is more than enough.

Q. Are you installing a barbwire fence?

A. No, we're not installing barbwire fence. We are putting in chain link.

Q. Did you go into [the adits] to see if there was any wildlife in them?

A. We cannot go into the mine workings at any point.

UCC Presentation

Q. Will you be offering training for operators?

A. All equipment is different, so we will be offering training on the equipment we will be using, but we are going to be looking at those with experience first.

Q. When will you be hiring?

A. In the spring.

Gunnar Mine Site

Q. Are you leaving the pit?

A. Yes.

Q. What's the volume of scrap found in the waste rock?

A. Not as much as we thought it would've been.

Q. Is there Gamma at the waste rock?

A. Yes, there is, but it will be covered when we do a gamma cover.

Gunnar Other Site Aspects

Q. Is that an updated picture of the open pit?

A. No, that one is from 1964 when they blasted the channel to flood the pit.

Q. Is flooding it the safest way to go?

A. The safest way is to leave the pit flooded. The water is keeping it stable and so we will leave it as is and monitor it.

Q. Have you done gamma readings?

A. We do spot gamma and have not come across any areas of concern.

Q. Will the air strip at Gunnar stay?

A. Ideally, it would be beneficial to leave it. If we need more material though, we will be taking from it.

Q. Does the Gunnar Other Site Aspects project include Langley Bay? There is debris all over.
A. QMPoints can speak better to this, but we will be taking crews over and collecting debris.

Q. Do you have plans to take the debris out of the water?
A. No. We know it's there and it is currently stable. Plus, we don't know if it has formed habitat at this point.

QMPoints

Q. Do we get paid to be at the (Environmental Impact Responder and Cultural Healing) programs?
A. Yes, you will probably get paid.

Q. When we are walking around and picking up debris, are we allowed to keep things we find?
A. The plan is to gather up debris for disposal. What you find cannot leave site.

Q. Are you involved in the Gultch project?
A. No, just Gunnar.

Q. Will you be bringing your own equipment in?
A. We will be issuing a proposal for equipment that will be used on the project. To qualify, the equipment must be from the Athabasca Basin region. If none can be found, we will bring our own in and use them for the first year. In the second year, we will give community members an opportunity to purchase this equipment to use on this or any future projects.

*Q. What are you using for rock trucks: 40 or 30 tonne?
A. Right now 40-tonne trucks.

Q. Do you have a contact for resumes?
A. You can fax resumes to 1-306-652-4652 or email apply@qmpoints.com. More information is on our website www.qmpoints.com.

Q. Do you do drug testing? Is it done here or down south?
A. Yes, we do and it will be done here.

Q. What are your policies since the legalization of marijuana?
A. SRC does have a post incident policy, but with the legalization, nothing has changed. We will continue to have a "Fit for Duty" policy. QMPoints will follow FDLNJV's policies as they are the prime contractor and they follow post incident.

Q. What about a test to determine THC levels; it stays in your system so long. You may test positive, but you're not using.
A. This is something we are all going to sit down and discuss.

Q. Some of us may not be available for the Career Fair in March. Can we apply now?
A. We are happy to take resumes now.

Q. Do you have your own NCSO (Nuclear Safety Officer)?
A. Yes.

Q. How can we apply for the work happening to expand the camp?

A. That is all through Aramark.

Q. Who decides who is placed where in the camp? Aramark? Will there be management and employee separation?

A. Everyone will be treated the same and we will be sitting with Aramark to tell them as such. There will be more “women only” washrooms and areas though.

Gunnar Tailings

Q. Are you taking resumes at this time?

A. If you have them, we will take them. There will also be a recruitment tour in late March or early April 2019.

FDLNJV

Q. Where are all these training programs you talked about posted?

A. Mostly on our Facebook page. The Environmental Monitor is a new position and we have not started advertising for it yet. I’m unsure of where the posting for the HEO-CAT is though. I will follow up with you.

Lorado

Q. The road going to site is too flat. When it gets plowed, the plough goes on to the tailings. It needs to be elevated.

A. The road was built to be a bit of a wind catch. We would like any advice or suggestions you have, and we will follow up with the Saskatchewan Ministry of Highways.

Q. Will you be planting trees in where there is a sandpit. It’s a bit of an eyesore.

A. We will not be planting trees. We would like to let it happen naturally.

Q. Wiseman’s Road (Highway 962 at Wiseman Borrow) is quite rough, and the end is starting to wash away.

A. Saskatchewan Ministry of Highways is responsible for that road and they state it’s an unmaintained road. We have no jurisdiction and only maintained it during remediation.

Q. If SRC used it for remediation then isn’t it your responsibility to maintain?

A. We can provide input to the Ministry.

Photo Contest

Q. Do videos count?

A. If it’s a good video, yes.

CNSC

Q. When talking about Indigenous Communities, is that just Aboriginal?

A. Métis are included as well.

Q. Where can we see the site inspection results?

A. They are posted on the CNSC website, but they are very technical. We are looking at providing a summary and having it translated into Dene and other languages as well.

Q. Is it only online or is it in our Communities?

A. It was sent to the Ya'Thi'Néné.

Q. Why isn't anyone from the Ministry of Environment with you? They are helpful in these meetings

A. George Bihun does usually join us but he is focused on getting approvals to move things forward.

Q. Where can I view more than just the pH levels in the lake? Can we suggest what testing is done?

A. I'm not sure when our next testing is taking place. There are Independent Environmental Monitor Programs (East Athabasca Watershed) that will ask for community input on what and where to test.

Q. What does procurement mean?

A. (Ian, SRC) We are a Treasury Board Crown Corporation and that means whenever we want to buy something or hire someone, we must send out a Request for Proposals.

Additional information:

General Comments

- Someone saw a black bear digging around on the tailings at Lorado (photo contest)
- Uranium City feels missed on a lot of training opportunities happening through FDLNJV and/or at Gunnar.
- 40-tonne trucks that QMPoints is using on the first year of the project may be too big to use within the community (for when QMPoints sells equipment off)

Fond du Lac – January 30, 2019

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Satellite Sites

Q. Where is ABC?

A. It's a couple kilometers east of Uranium City (shore of Melville Lake).

Q. What does "awarded" mean and who awarded a contract to UCC?

A. This is the first time UCC has been awarded a big contract. This contract is not related to Gunnar. SRC ran a competitive bid process and we awarded UCC with the Satellite Sites Contract based on their submission. SRC will be holding UCC to the criteria for Athabasca Regional content.

Q. SRC should improve the Aboriginal content procurement and involve aboriginal communities and get input from the communities before and during procurement activities.

A. We will consider these comments.

Q. Can SRC assist with the Federal Aboriginal Set-Aside Program?

Q. Not at this point. Currently we either meet or exceed what a set-aside does.

UCC

Q. What employment opportunities will the region have?

A. Right now, most of our workers are in Uranium City, but with all the work starting this spring, we will need more equipment operators, so there will be work coming down the pipe.

Gunnar Other Site Aspects

Q. What kind of contaminants are at the fuel farm at Gunnar?

A. In 2011-12, hydrocarbons were identified in some areas. We have since been taking the soil, bagging it up and storing it securely. The plan is to excavate it, collect it and treat it. We have also been measuring for hydrocarbons in the lake and there are none.

Q. Are you reusing muck from Beaverpond? Is it contaminated?

A. We have not tested to see if it is contaminated, but we assume it is so we will be disposing of it in the Tailings.

QMPoints

Q. What percentage of your workers will be from the Athabasca?

A. We are aiming for 60 to 70 percent and will take as many people as possible.

Q. What about management employment?

A. Anyone can move up. There is already one member from this community in management. This person was part of our Impact Responder Program.

Q. Points Athabasca is owned by the seven Athabasca Communities, so your 60-70 percent should be 80 or 90 percent.

A. If we can get it to 100 percent it would be amazing; we will do the best we can to maximize employment.

Q. What about Capacity Building - what are you going to give back?

A. We are going to be hiring a Community Liaison from the community surrounding the project.

Q. Isn't having two labour contractors a conflict?

A. FDLNJV is the prime contractor on site. We are here to work alongside them, there will be lots of communication. We are all here to clean up.

Q. Are you then a sub-contractor?

A. We are not a sub-contractor, but we are not prime. The structure is FDLNJV is current prime and QMPoints was also hired by SRC to do the asbestos work that FDLNJV doesn't do. Once the tailings project is finished, we will become the prime contractor on site.

Q. What employment are we getting?

A. QMPoints is not on site yet, but we will be hiring 70 people from the Athabasca Basin.

Q. We have been alienated by QMPoints before (Stony Rapids Airport). Workers from the south were brought up. We need to accommodate the marginalized and alienated (Black lake, us and Hatchet).

A. We want this project to benefit the whole region and are looking for a good work ethic.

FDLNJV

Q. Why aren't the Project Manager or Site Supervisor for Gunnar here? Why did they send a shield?

A. The Site Supervisor is headed up to site soon and the Project Manager has a personal matter. As I'm new to the Community Engagement position, they thought it best to send me as it is a great opportunity to meet everyone.

General Comments

- Barge operation was successful this year. There are now two up and running. Ronnie and Wayne Augier were sharing work with Peter to ensure success.
- There is a lot of bullying at Gunnar Site. The site feels like a jail and there are not opportunities for us. We have a lot of experience, yet we start out at the bottom and never move up; there is a lot of favouritism. If you speak your mind, you get blacklisted or fired.
- SRC has a lot of training programs in Prince Albert. Some of us can't travel so we want training programs up here.

Black Lake – January 31, 2019

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Satellite Sites

Q. How are you going to shut down the open stope? Blast it?

A. We are going to close them with stainless steel caps.

Q. The whole underground is open, what about the water in there?

A. We are unsure of the underground, so the least expensive and safest approach is to fence off the areas.

Q. How did you choose the seven sites to start on out of the 35?

A. These seven were chosen after consultation with Uranium City, as they are the closest to that population.

Q. Are you going to treat the water coming out of the mine?

A. No, the Saskatchewan Ministry of Environment has allowed us to not treat it.

Q. So, it will just go directly into the environment?

A. We have assessed it to be a non- issue as there is not much water coming out of the mines.

Q. Can you explain your 60 percent of equipment used on the project? There is only one contractor from Black Lake, one from Fond du Lac and one from Uranium City. Where is the other 30 percent?

A. It is not tied to Indigenous groups; it is based on the whole Athabasca Basin region.

Uranium City Contracting

No questions

Gunnar Other Site Aspects

Q. How long will the project take?

A. Tailings has about two years left, and Other Site Aspects will run for five years.

Q. Are you going to clean up the two waste rock piles?

A. We are going to cover and plant vegetation on the top.

Q. When will you be hiring?

A. The project is set to start in May and there are reps from FDLNJV and QMPoints here that you can leave your resumes with.

Q. So you're not taking anything away, you're just burying and covering it?

A. We are removing any hazardous material left over from the mining days and building a safe disposal area for it.

Q. What about building a water treatment plant to pump the water in the pit back into the lake? Is that too much money?

A. We have done careful analysis on water treatment. It comes down to safety. The pit is bottomless and right now the only thing keeping it stable is the water. If we de-water it, decide to start backfilling it and it starts to collapse or something else goes wrong, we can't go back on that decision.

Q. Are you only cleaning up the land or will you clean up the water as well?

A. Any debris we can see and reach we will clean up. Anything that is 20 or 30 feet under we have no plans of cleaning up.

QMPoints

Q. What is your rate for labour work?

A. We don't know rates yet.



Q. Which Communities are you hiring from?

A. As many as we can.

Q. Which project are you hiring for?

A. Gunnar Other Site Aspects.

Q. How many people are you hiring?

A. 70.

Q. How many are you hiring from Athabasca Basin?

A. We are aiming for 70 percent.

Q. It would be nice if you gave us hiring information now.

A. We will be in the communities on a hiring tour in March.

Q. Will there be Mechanic training?

A. Yes.

Q. Who is the contact person to hand resumes in to?

A. You can fax your resumes to 1-306-652-4652 or email apply@qmpoints.com. More info is available on our website at www.qmpoints.com.

Q. Do you promise to hire 70 percent of Athabasca or will you bring in others from outside the Athabasca?

A. In our proposal to win this contract, we committed to hiring 70 percent and we will do our best to make this happen.

Q. Will we accumulate enough working hours to claim employment insurance?

A. The hope is you will; we don't want turnover.

Q. When hired, will we get the best personal protection equipment available to do the jobs? Asbestos, for example?

A. QMPoints will be following safety protocols. SRC says if we can't do it safely, we don't do it until we can prove to them and the regulators that it can be done safely. Employees are always encouraged to bring up unsafe conditions; it is your right to say no to unsafe work.

Q. This is a big issue for our animals. They eat and live in the vegetation all around.

A. Unfortunately, the damage has already been done as the mines have already been mined. Our job is to decrease the damage to human health and the environment.

Q. Where do you send the materials?

A. Any hazardous materials will be removed from site and securely taken to a facility down south.

Q. What are you cleaning up? Can you clean the water?

A. We manage the water. We do cover the tailings, so they cannot release contaminants into the water.



FDLNJV

Q. Where does training take place and where is it posted?

A. All opportunities are posted on our website.

General Comments

- Concern with work happening at Martin Lake (Cameco project).
- Black lake feels blacklisted from the Gunnar Project as so many have been let go.
- Upset that those that don't live on the land get the work for the land then leave.
- David Sanscartier had a side chat with Philip Tsannie an Elder in the community (he worked at Eldorado and Rabbit). Elder Tsannie said thank you for the work that we are doing and good work for presenting this information.

Stony Rapids – January 31, 2019

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Lorado

Q. Have you done core sampling of the bottom of the lake if you have lime in it?

A. The lime will help the lake get back to a more neutral pH.

Q. With the neutral pH, you should get things growing back in the water?

A. Yes.

Q. Is there a chance the grass you planted will suck up any of the uranium from the tailings? What about the animals that eat the grass?

A. If the grass happens to absorb anything from the tailings, it would be so minimal there wouldn't be any effects.

Satellite Sites

Q. There are other mines on the north side of the Athabasca Basin. Are you dealing with those?

A. We are only dealing with the uranium mines. We have started assessing Nicholson, but Goldfield and Box Mine are being handled by the Saskatchewan Ministry of the Environment, so we cannot speak to progress.

Q. Are they starting the mill up again over there (i.e., Box Mine)?

A. No, they will be remediating.

Uranium City Contracting

Q. When are you hiring?

A. The job will start in May when the ground thaws, so sometime before then.

Q. Are you hiring from the Athabasca Basin?

A. We hire 100 percent from the Athabasca Basin. Our workforce is Basin only.

Gunnar Other Sites Aspects

Q. What kind of radiation contaminates [are buried under the cover]?

A. There is no grass there now, so once it starts growing the accumulation of contaminates getting into the growth is minimal. The grass bed we put in will be shallow to limit exposure to the food chain.

Gunnar Demo

Q. During the decommissioning, what measures were taken to ensure worker safety against asbestos?

A. The demo was done in 2011-12, by QMdemo, and during this time all workers were giving excellent PPE. There was also air monitoring to ensure no exposure. Gunnar Other Site aspects will be similar.

QMPoints

No questions

Gunnar Tailings

Q. Why are you burying all the trees you mulched under waste rock? Why not spread it to promote vegetation?

A. The trees that we mulched are from the tailings area, which means they are contaminated.

FDLNV

No questions



CNSC

No questions

General Comments

- Concern for workers and asbestos exposure with GOSA. Assurance was given that safety is the first priority and workers have the right to refuse unsafe work.
- Do you give out scholarships? As SRC is a government agency, we cannot give out scholarships, but we work with others that do. We do have programs, such as the Aboriginal Mentorship Program and the Student Environmental Monitoring Program, which are available to post-secondary students. Other funding is also available through PAGC.