

Follow-up Questions for Tabling to the Economy Committee from SRC's Estimates Appearance on April 9, 2024

1. Who is the private landlord and what process was used to select it? So you don't mention the name of the private landlord. Is there a reason why? Once you check that, would you present and table that?

The landlord for the buildings that SRC has leased for constructing its Rare Earth Processing Facility is Northstar Innovative Developments Inc.

2. What efforts have been made to engage Indigenous people over the last year? Would you provide the list of some of those communities which you have had conversations or consultations with over the past year?

First and foremost, SRC is a listening and learning organization and that is what we plan to continue to do with First Nation and Métis communities. Over many years, SRC has established relationships and built processes through our remediation and engagement work with Project CLEANs that we can model in other projects going forward. Economic reconciliation is an ongoing process of engagement and opportunity building over years and decades and we see relationship building as a cornerstone to that work.

SRC has developed and implemented an Indigenous Relations Policy and an Indigenous Procurement Policy. These policies will provide a framework for economic reconciliation going forward. The guidelines and objectives of these policies paper the good things that SRC has already been doing and position the organization to continue to advance relationships and best practices in these areas. In addition, SRC is currently in the process of developing an Indigenous Action Plan that will be launched soon.

SRC welcomes any opportunities to continue to work with Indigenous communities where practical and feasible. There have been several examples of major projects where SRC has worked closely with Indigenous governments and communities that can be modeled for other projects. A few examples of these projects include:

- SRC's work with Cowessess First Nation on the wind and solar battery storage project since 2006.
- Over many years, SRC has established relationships and built processes in the Athabasca Basin through our remediation and engagement work with Project CLEANs. This work continued over the last year where SRC engaged with representatives from the following communities:
 - Black Lake First Nation
 - Fond Du Lac First Nation
 - Hatchett Lake First Nation
 - Wollaston Lake
 - Stoney Rapids
 - Uranium City
 - Camsell Portage



- Fort Chipewyan
- Lac La Ronge First Nation

- Working with the Ministry of Energy and Resources and the First Nations Natural Resource Centre of Excellence on the Accelerated Site Closure Program (ASCP) successfully increased participation in the ASCP program.

SRC sees that it can play a leadership role in help Indigenous leaders and organizations understand complex projects (like rare earths and/or nuclear). SRC recently completed permanent installations at its 51st street campus where it showcases its Rare Earth Element and nuclear projects in interactive formats. In the last year, we hosted representatives from a number of Indigenous organizations including, but not limited to:

- University of Saskatchewan College of Arts and Science Indigenous Program
- Meadow Lake Tribal Council
- First Nations Natural Resource Centre of Excellence
- Metis Nation Saskatchewan
- Thunderchild First Nation
- Village of Pinehouse
- Kineepik Metis Local
- Prince Albert Grand Council