



Partnering for **Prosperity**

Collaboration Agreement

Joint Implementation Committee

2017 Report

to English River First Nation
Community Members

Chief's Message



**Chief
Lawrence
McIntyre**
English River
First Nation

In 2017 we continued to utilize the Collaboration Agreement (CA) contribution funding with input from the community as well as the efforts and support of the CA trustees.

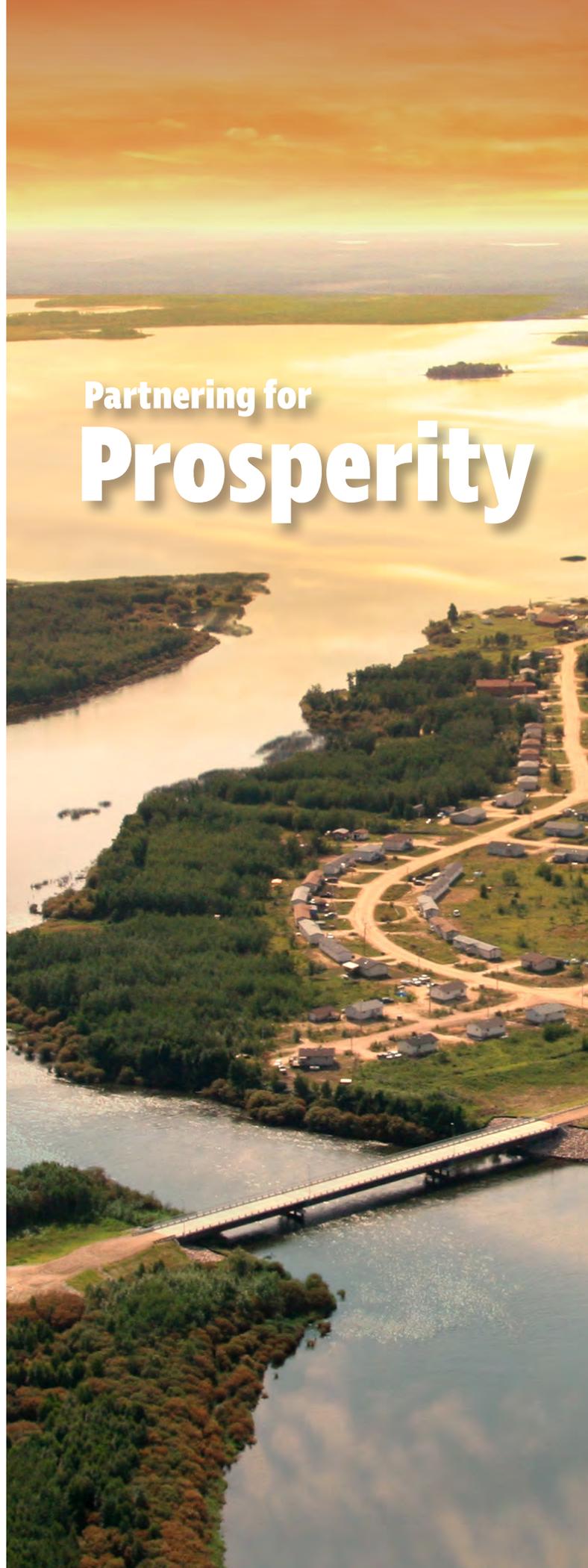
We are asserting every effort to continue to support the post-secondary funding as well as the urban members support. With the funding from the CA we were able to have a total of forty three (43) post-secondary students supported. We also continue to address the housing renovations and other important components of housing infrastructure.

In response to a request from membership, we were able to install reverse osmosis equipment at our Patuanak Gas Bar to serve the community by providing water for purchase at a low cost.

Other initiatives that have been supported for 2017 is the support of our youth attending the FSIN Summer Games that took place in Regina back in August. We had more than thirty (30) youth, along with chaperones and coaches attend these games. A charter bus was used to transport all athletes and chaperones to and from Regina.

We continue to support other ongoing community initiatives, and programs like the Elder's heating assistance, Lac St. Anne pilgrimage, winter and summer festivals, Treaty Day and Canada Day celebration and the annual Culture Camp at Key Lake Road.

We will continue to use the CA funding with the support and recommendations of the English River First Nation membership.



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Our people...

Joint Implementation Committee Members



Cheyenna Campbell
ERFN



Isidore Campbell
ERFN



Mervin McIntyre
ERFN



Andy Thorne
Cameco



Peter Dodson
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Jenny Wolverine
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Our progress...



Business development

By Q2 2017, Tron Construction & Mining completed the bulk of the work at McArthur River Freeze Plant.

Around Q3 of 2017, Tron started work on six major projects related to the Cigar Lake South Freeze Plant. The scope

of the work included the supply and install for the Brine Pump House and the Freeze Plant buildings, heating, and ventilation installation for both buildings, various structural and pipe rack component installation, piping installation,

equipment placement, and the complete installation of the electrical and instrumentation for the Brine Pump House.

45 members of English River First Nation worked on the projects with employment totalling 26,332 hours. For those working toward trade designations, these hours moved them closer to achieving those goals. Valuable work experience was gained in a variety of trade areas including electrical, equipment operation, industrial mechanics, iron work, labour, pipe fitting, safety officer, and shipping and receiving.

The Collaboration Agreement provides an ideal opportunity for members to gain valuable hours and work experience while earning wages.



Community investment

In 2017, the CA provided the ERFN Trust over \$1.3 million, bringing the total up to \$12.5 million since the agreement was signed in 2013.

Through the trust, in 2017 ERFN was able to fund an additional ten students who

were attending a post-secondary institution. The trust also provided dollars to the urban sports and recreation program.

Many urban youth were provided financial support to participate in healthy activities.

Other funding support went towards Treaty 10 celebrations in Patuanak and dollars for upgrading and maintaining the fish plant, which allows fishermen to sell their catch right to Patuanak rather than travelling elsewhere. Cameco and Des Nedhe also contributed \$15,000 to a new ERFN scholarship program, the Flowing Rivers Scholarship, through which nine ERFN post-secondary students received between \$1,000 and \$2,500 towards their studies.

Workforce development



Overall, 2017 was a tough year for the uranium industry given low global prices. While this resulted in

fewer numbers of hires at the sites, that didn't stop Tron, Orano and Cameco from using the time to support ERFN members through the labour services dollars provided through the CA (\$1 million).

As a result, a number of ERFN members were involved in community based training, apprenticeships, work placements and other initiatives. For example; through the labour

services support dollars, Tron was able to recruit nine new ERFN members to work on the Cigar Lake Freeze Plant project, along with four apprentices. As well, one ERFN member, who had been employed with Tron over the past three years in maintenance, was placed at McClean Lake to gain hours as an Industrial Mechanic apprentice. During the summer months of 2017, three post-secondary summer students were also employed through labour services to work at Tron, Grasswoods, and Minetec.

Some of the community based training initiatives supported through labour services included:

Aerial Man Lift training, Industrial Leadership training, Chainsaw Safety training, various safety courses (i.e. WHIMIS, Fall Protection Fire extinguisher, First Aid, Confined Space) Over 100 ERFN members participated in the various training programs held in Saskatoon, Prince Albert, or within the community of Patuanak.

Community engagement and environmental stewardship



The ERFN JIEES committee members for 2017 were Norman Wolverine (ERFN), Archie Campbell (ERFN), Cheyenna Campbell (ERFN), Jenny Wolverine (Cameco), and, not pictured, Kristin Cuddington (Cameco).

In 2017 the subcommittee (JIEES) discussed a number of activities, notably the five-year U of S program supported by Cameco and Orano that looks at how caribou interact with the environment in northern Saskatchewan and included a three-year Cameco Study. The initial results suggest that the status

of woodland caribou in the Saskatchewan Boreal Shield is one of a large and self-sustaining population, perhaps one of the most secure populations of boreal caribou in Canada. The final report will come at the end of the year.

The committee also received an update on the activities at site following the 2016 wolf attack at Cigar Lake. The main activities were the removal of trees, updates to the wildlife standard and notice boards at all the operations so staff are more aware of wildlife.

The subcommittee continued to receive updates on the activities at Key Lake and McArthur River during the four subcommittee meetings throughout the year and discussed the 2018 exploration activities. Cameco announced its plans to suspend production at McArthur River and Key Lake and reconfirmed its commitment to the representatives that the environmental would remain protected.

2017 Financial Highlights

Business
development
\$25.1 M
\$15.0 M Tron
\$10.1 M Other
Investments

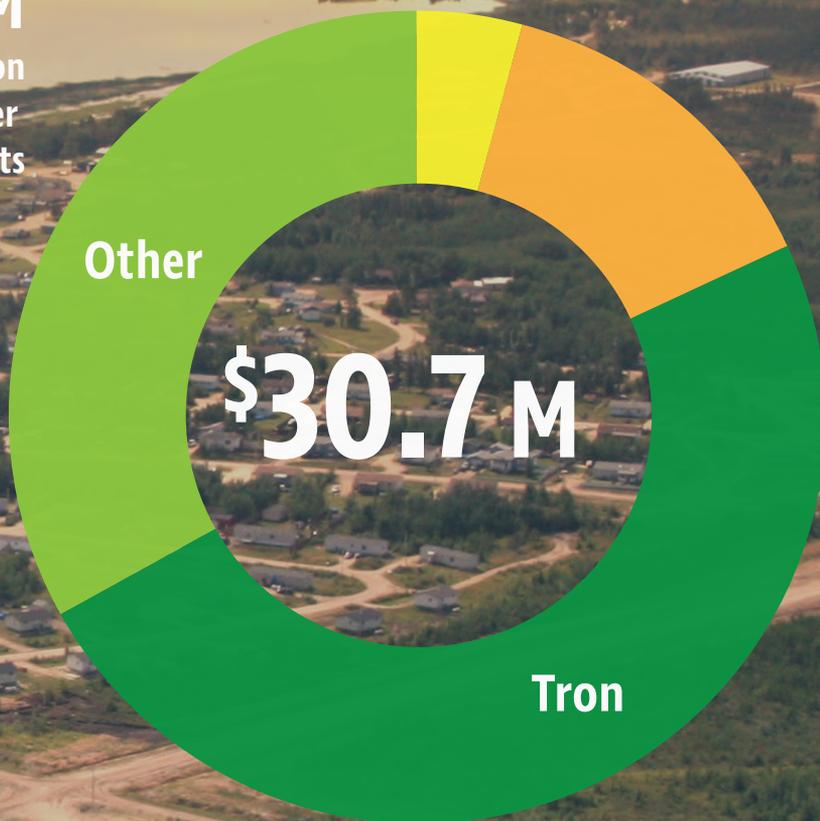
Community
investment

\$1.3 M

Workforce
development

\$4.3 M

includes salaries
and labour services



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