In 2018, we completed a full year as partners under the collaboration agreement with Cameco and continue to build on targets for the Lac La Ronge Indian Band communities in the areas of business, workforce, and environmental stewardship. This includes evergreen contracts, a skills database and employment services, and regular meetings and environmental workshops to ensure we effectively inform and engage.

Supporting the needs of a thriving community is a priority for the Lac La Ronge Indian Band Leadership and staff. As one of the largest bands in Canada with more than 11,000 members, the Collaboration Agreement creates opportunities for new activities, programs, and key infrastructure.

In 2018, we focused on community investment, and that is something that will continue in the year ahead. It has helped meet our communities' needs and we are seeing the benefits already.

In closing, I would like to acknowledge the LLRIB members and staff, as well as our industry colleagues for all their hard work and dedication.

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Investing in our community

The benefits of the collaboration agreement are demonstrated through a wide range of initiatives that have been made possible by the LLRIB Community Trust that receives investment payments based on Cameco’s share of production at its mine sites. A local committee made up of LLRIB leadership and Elders receives applications from band administrators and decides on investments.

The LLRIB Community Trust contributed a significant amount towards the building of a maintenance and storage shop for Stanley Mission’s Public Works Division. Equipment can now be stored and serviced safely.

Traveling to and from sport tournaments and other recreational activities is now more accessible and affordable thanks to a purchase of a van. The Sports and Recreation division of the band had been using a bus, but it was not cost-effective for smaller groups. This investment benefits players as young as four-years-old and our 65+ participants.

The LLRIB Community Trust made it possible to hire a new position in its Urban Service Office in Prince Albert. Susie Carle acts as a liaison for members moving off-reserve into an urban centre. We have seen how difficult this transition can be, and this new position helps members access the supports they need to be successful in their education and employment goals.

Preserving and promoting culture is important to the trust committee. It provided funding to photograph the remaining Larocque rock paintings and have a report commissioned to argue for the return of a piece that was removed in the 1950s and is now housed at the Royal Saskatchewan Museum in Regina.

The agreement with Cameco allowed for additional funding to be provided to LLRIB members pursuing university, trade, and technical post-secondary programs. $150,000 was received between 50 students with LLRIB, Cameco, and Kitsaki Group of Businesses all contributing $50,000.

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