

# COMMUNITY UPDATE

April 2026



## A Message from our President and CEO

It has been a busy start to 2026! I am pleased to share this update on behalf of the entire FPX Nickel team.

The Baptiste Nickel Project reached a key milestone in January when FPX filed the Initial Project Description with provincial and federal regulators and the project formally entered the environmental assessment process. The Initial Project Description was the culmination of years of environmental and cultural baseline studies, consultation and collaborative-decision-making, and engineering studies. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of those who made time to attend our open houses and provided their valuable input over the last few years. I would also like to thank all those who participated in the initial public comment period in February and early March. It is clear from the comments received by regulators that Baptiste enjoys considerable support and there is a strong desire for new economic development in the region. FPX looks forward to helping realize that aspiration in the future. In the meantime, we are looking forward to the next steps in the environmental assessment process and continuing to engage and earn the trust of communities.

FPX has also been busy advancing exploration work in other parts of British Columbia, across Canada and around the world through our renewed partnership with the Japan Organization for Metals and Energy Security (JOGMEC). I am proud to say that our international partnerships are contributing to Canada's trade diversification goals and our own national security and that of our allies.

Closer to home, our Community Office in Fort St. James has been actively engaging with the community at events across the region and making a difference through our Community Investment Program. We look forward to deepening our connection with communities across the region throughout the year and beyond.

Warm regards,  
**Martin Turenne**

## Update on the Baptiste Nickel Project Environmental Assessment

FPX initiated the Environmental Assessment (EA) process for the Baptiste Project with submission of the Initial Project Description (IPD) in January. In February, the BC Environmental Assessment Office (BC EAO) and Impact Assessment Agency of Canada (IAAC) solicited feedback from the community during the public comment period and by holding joint open houses, in person in Fort St. James and virtually. The BC EAO and IAAC summarized what they heard from the communities and First Nations in their Joint Summary of Issues and Engagement (JSOIE), released on April 22nd. This document is available at [https://projects.eao.gov.bc.ca/api/public/document/69e69ce2b1ba412079cdc8d5/download/2026%20FINAL%20JSOIE%20Baptiste\\_April%202020.pdf](https://projects.eao.gov.bc.ca/api/public/document/69e69ce2b1ba412079cdc8d5/download/2026%20FINAL%20JSOIE%20Baptiste_April%202020.pdf)

FPX thanks everyone who attended these events and provided feedback and support throughout this period. We will continue to provide regular updates to the community and encourage everyone to provide their feedback.



Scan the QR code to explore the Baptiste Nickel Project through our virtual open house. Learn more about the project's potential design, environmental stewardship, economic opportunities, and key components of development. Explore the information at your own pace and gain a better understanding of the Baptiste Nickel Project.

## Community Investment Program

The Community Investment Program was established to create meaningful, positive impacts in the communities where we operate. This ongoing initiative enables FPX to support local priorities through targeted community contributions. In the first quarter of 2026, FPX provided a total of seven community contributions.

Community contributions in the first quarter of 2026 include support for the Binche Whut'en Health Department Family Night, Nadleh Whut'en and Stellat'en First Nations' The Brain INtransformation program, the Fort St. James Curling Club, Nak'azdli Whut'en Wildlife Week, the Fort St. James Dog Sled Races, and the Men of the North Society.

Through these contributions, FPX continues to support a range of community priorities, including social well-being, addiction support, recreation, and environmental initiatives.



Stellat'en First Nation's The Brain Intransformation Opening Ceremony

## Nadleh Whut'en and Stellat'en First Nations The Brain Intransformation

The Brain INtransformation is a community-led, immersive learning experience delivered by Nadleh Whut'en and Stellat'en First Nations that brings together First Nations culture and neuroscience to support youth well-being and prevent substance use through education and awareness. Hosted in an interactive 360° dome, the program allows participants to explore how the brain develops, responds to stress, and is impacted by addiction, creating a powerful shift in understanding through knowledge, imagination, and community connection. FPX was grateful to attend the opening ceremonies and witness first hand the strong community leadership, cultural integration, and shared commitment to supporting youth and building healthier futures.

## Supporting the Community

Throughout the first quarter of 2026, FPX remained actively engaged across the region through a range of community events and meetings. Some of these engagements included attending the Stuart Lake Men's Shed grand opening, presenting to the Fort St. James and Vanderhoof Chambers of Commerce, participating in the Nak'azdli Development Corporation Job Fair, and delivering a community presentation in Takla Nation. FPX also connected with community members at the Binche Whut'en open house and attended the Lake Babine First Nations Annual General Assembly, continuing to build relationships, share project updates, and hear directly from communities across the project area.

If there is an event that you think we should attend, please send us some details at [community@fpxnickel.com](mailto:community@fpxnickel.com).



FPX providing updates on the Baptiste Nickel Project during Lake Babine First Nation Annual General Assembly



Great to connect with local business owners at Kwah Hall for Nak'azdli Development Corp Business Forum



Stuart Lake Men's Shed Grand Opening event



FPX connecting with the Vanderhoof Chamber of Commerce presenting to the Chamber business regarding the Baptiste Nickel Project



SVP Tim Bekhuys presenting to Takla Nation Community regarding EA timelines and informing community on notable updates to the Project

## Stuart Lake Men's Shed

FPX was pleased to attend the Stuart Lake Men's Shed grand opening, celebrating the creation of a dedicated space that supports connection, skill-building, and overall well-being in the community. The Men's Shed provides a welcoming environment where individuals can come together, share knowledge, and build meaningful relationships, and it was great to see the strong community support behind this important program. FPX was grateful for the invitation to attend and enjoyed an evening of wonderful music, good food, and great company.

## Local Contractor Registry

FPX Nickel is committed to making sure that our project activities bring long-term benefits to local communities. To help achieve this, we've created a Supplier Diversity and Local Procurement Policy. This policy focuses on supporting both local and Indigenous-owned businesses by identifying and working with these businesses to increase their capacity to provide goods / services to the company. The policy also ensures that priority is given to businesses that directly benefit local people. You can have your business added to our local business registry by stopping by our office or reaching out to: [community@fpxnickel.com](mailto:community@fpxnickel.com).

## Community Office

We understand that projects like Baptiste require careful planning, informed by community feedback. We are accomplishing this through our community office in Fort St. James, through our open-door policy with anyone who would like to be introduced or have questions about the Project or FPX. Please stop by if you are in the Fort St. James area!



FPX Community Office, 602 Stuart Drive West, Fort St. James (Source: FPX Nickel)



## Questions?

If you have any questions about the information in this update, or about the Baptiste Nickel Project, please visit our website at [www.fpxnickel.com](http://www.fpxnickel.com) or contact us at [community@fpxnickel.com](mailto:community@fpxnickel.com)

## Did You Know?

- ◆ The **Baptiste Nickel Project** is located approximately 80 km northwest of Fort St. James. The Project, including portions of the transmission line and access route are within the territories of the Binche Whut'en, Lake Babine Nation, Nadleh Whut'en, Nak'azdli Whut'en, Stellat'en First Nation, Takla Nation, Tl'azt'en Nation, and Yekooche First Nation.
- ◆ The Project would supply **nickel** and **cobalt**, which have been identified as "critical minerals"—essential to our transition to renewable and low-carbon technologies.
- ◆ The nickel at Baptiste is found in the mineral called "**awaruite**"—Ni<sub>3</sub>Fe. This mineral allows for production of a high-grade nickel concentrate through magnetic separation, and **does not require smelting**, which is a significant differentiator for Baptiste as compared to traditional nickel sources.
- ◆ Baptiste would be a very low-carbon nickel operation, in the lowest CO<sub>2</sub> intensity globally for nickel mines (current estimates are projected to be 1.2 tonnes CO<sub>2</sub> per tonne nickel).
- ◆ Because of the very low sulfur content, there is a **very low potential for acid rock drainage** in the mine tailings, which is an environmental advantage for the Project.
- ◆ Annual nickel production from Baptiste would be **approximately 60,000 tonnes per year**, which is an increase of **more than 40%** from Canada's current annual production.
- ◆ Baptiste would provide enough nickel to produce approximately **1.3 million electric battery vehicles** per year.
- ◆ Baptiste would generate approximately **\$20 million per year** in municipal taxes, **\$200 million annually** in provincial taxes, and contribute an estimated **\$45 billion** to Canada's gross domestic product over its life.
- ◆ The Project would support creation of stable, high quality, high-paying jobs: over **three decades of operations**, the Project is expected to sustain about **1,000 direct jobs** and **3,200 indirect jobs** per year.