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CLIMATE CHANGE MOVING FASTER THAN GOVERNMENT

Northern Ontario Business – Nov 28

The rate of climate change in the Far North may render the winter road network unsafe and uneconomic within a decade, according to a logistics expert. Barry Prentice, a University of Manitoba professor of Supply Chain Management, responded to recommendations in a draft report of the provincial government's Northern Ontario Multimodal Transportation Strategy (NOMTS) on the topic of the winter road network. The draft strategy recommends that winter roads be designed and constructed in such a way as to mitigate the impact of climate change or consider other transportation alternatives. It also suggests expanding all-season roads in cooperation with government and First Nation communities (report attached and also found at this link: <http://bit.ly/2Aufh43>)

<https://www.northernontariobusiness.com/industry-news/transportation/climate-change-moving-faster-than-government-777378>

'DON'T BE GOVERNED BY FEAR' SAYS ROMANO OF PROPOSED FERROCHROME FACILITY

Soo Today – Dec 1

Sault Ste. Marie MPP Ross Romano, in a speech delivered to local Chamber of Commerce members at a breakfast and 'fireside chat' event Friday morning, spoke passionately about the need for such jobs to be created in the Sault through the establishment of a ferrochrome processing facility (known officially as an FPF, a 'smelter' in unofficial terms) if or when the Ring of Fire mega project is developed. Hopes for an FPF to be built in the Sault, Romano said, are "not pie in the sky."

<https://www.sootoday.com/local-news/dont-be-governed-by-fear-says-romano-of-proposed-ferrochrome-facility-780333>

CALL FOR PROPOSALS NORTHERN CONTAMINANTS PROGRAM

Government of Canada Website – Dec 4

Northern Contaminants Prog. research projects will help understand contaminant levels in traditionally harvested foods that are important to the diet of Northern & Indigenous people. Deadline for submissions of proposals is January 10, 2018.

http://www.science.gc.ca/eic/site/063.nsf/eng/h_3CD01B77.html

LATEST ON THE FERROCHROME SMELTER BID

Soo Today – Dec 4

Sault Ste. Marie's bid team pursuing a Ring of Fire-related ferrochrome smelter will meet this week with officials of Algoma Steel to consider possible locations on steel mill property. "We're having ongoing dialogue with them this week to continue looking at the plant and the requirements for that plant," team lead Dan Hollingsworth told a meeting today of Sault Ste. Marie Economic Development Corp.'s board. Preliminary talks with Algoma executives were held two weeks ago.

<https://www.sootoday.com/local-news/latest-on-the-ferrochrome-smelter-bid-782118>

FAR NORTH ALL-SEASON ROADS WOULD COST \$9.5B

Timmins Press – Dec 4

Dr. Barry Prentice looked critically at two directives in the Draft 2014 Northern Ontario Multimodal Transportation Strategy (NOMTS) in his response for NPI, which was published in November. Prentice is critical of the lack of targets for implementation and lack of urgency expressed around the NOMTS chapter on Remote and Far North Challenges. "A Plan B is needed that recognizes the implications of a more rapid climate change process," he argued. "The NOMTS

recommends that new and innovative methods of transportation, like cargo airships and hoverbarges, should be facilitated, but no timeframes are suggested, or urgency expressed.

<http://www.timminspress.com/2017/12/04/far-north-all-season-roads-would-cost-95b>

NORTHERN TRANSPORTATION STRATEGY FLAWED: PAPER

Sudbury Star – Dec 5

A Northern Policy Institute paper is responding with some criticism to a draft 2014 transportation strategy for Northern Ontario. Barry Prentice looked critically at two directives in the Draft 2014 Northern Ontario Multimodal Transportation Strategy (NOMTS) in his response for NPI, which was published in November. Prentice is critical of the lack of targets for implementation and lack of urgency expressed around the NOMTS chapter on Remote and Far North Challenges. “A Plan B is needed that recognizes the implications of a more rapid climate change process,” he argued. “The NOMTS recommends that new and innovative methods of transportation, like cargo airships and hoverbarges, should be facilitated, but no timeframes are suggested, or urgency expressed.

<http://www.thesudburystar.com/2017/12/05/northern-transportation-strategy-flawed-paper>

EXPLORATION: PDAC BACKS MOVE TO DIGITAL EXPLORATION FILING

Canadian Mining Journal – Dec 5

The Prospectors and Development Association of Canada believes that mineral discovery rates will increase if the type, quality, quantity and accessibility of geoscience data is improved. Toward that end, it has issued the Exploration Assessment Data Digital Format (EADDF), a set of guidelines to address the issue. A national standard for digital assessment report data submission is proposed.

<http://www.canadianminingjournal.com/news/exploration-pdac-backs-move-digital-exploration-filing/>

SMELTER WON'T GO WHERE IT'S NOT WANTED, NORONT

Northern Ontario Business – Dec 6

Noront Resources won't place a ferrochrome smelter in a community that isn't totally comfortable with having one. Company president-CEO Alan Coutts further added they won't process Ring of Fire chromite ore in Ontario - or Canada for that matter - unless his company can secure a favourable power rate from Queen's Park.

https://www.northernontariobusiness.com/industry-news/mining/smelter-wont-go-where-its-not-wanted-noront-783694?utm_source=dlvr.it&utm_medium=twitter



Picture from MNDM Twitter (Dec 4) saying: “The MNDM team participating @MinesAndMoney London, leading a trade mission of Ontario exploration companies looking for European investors. #mmlondon17”