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CANADIAN MINERS SUPPORTIVE OF IMPACT ASSESSMENT ACT

Daily Commercial News – Oct 5

Gratton recently wrote a commentary in which he came out in favour of C-69, which prescribes a new environmental approvals regime to replace the former government's Canadian Environmental Assessment Act (CEAA) of 2012. The legislation includes a new mandatory early planning and engagement phase, the creation of a single government agency to lead assessments and co-ordinate Crown consultations with Indigenous peoples, and a broadening of the scope of the assessments to support "holistic and integrated decision-making," according to a government fact sheet.

The bill is now in front of the Senate and the Mining Association of Canada is encouraging senators to pass it.

<https://canada.constructconnect.com/dcn/news/associations/2018/10/canadian-miners-supportive-impact-assessment-act>

MOOSE CREE FIRST NATION'S STAN KAPASHESIT JOINS DRONE DELIVERY CANADA'S ADVISORY BOARD

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"Moose Cree is a proactive community and feels DDC's drone delivery solution can lower costs, create employment and reduce logistical challenges improving the lives of so many" commented Mr. Kapashesit. "One of the main objectives in my role joining the Advisory Board is to help other remote Indigenous communities in the James Bay region that are even more remote to utilize this technology. The plans are to make the Moose Cree First Nations community a hub and depot of the north. Both the applications and benefits of DDC's drone delivery solution are endless for these such communities. We look to improve the lives of many Indigenous people with drone technology."

<https://www.newswire.ca/news-releases/moose-cree-first-nations-stan-kapashesit-joins-drone-delivery-canadas-advisory-board-releases-video-from-moosonee--moose-factory-bvlos-pilot-program-695299911.html>

GOVERNMENT OF CANADA CONGRATULATES THE FIRST NATIONS FINANCE AUTHORITY ON FIFTH DEBENTURE ISSUANCE

Indigenous Services Canada – Oct 5

Today, the Honourable Jane Philpott, Minister of Indigenous Services, congratulated the First Nations Finance Authority on their fifth debenture issuance on the financial markets. This latest issuance adds an additional \$138 million to the FNFA's debentures, bringing the total to \$514 million available to participating First Nation governments to secure loans for infrastructure development and economic growth. This milestone is a concrete example of what can be achieved through self-determination and First Nations asserting jurisdiction over the socio-economic development of their communities. The First Nations Finance Authority issued its inaugural bond in June 2014 for \$90 million, added \$50 million in July 2015, \$110 million in May 2016, \$126 million in October 2017 and \$138 million in September 2018, for a total of \$514 million. With this issuance, 43 First Nations are now benefitting from the authority's bond.

<https://www.canada.ca/en/indigenous-services-canada/news/2018/10/government-of-canada-congratulates-the-first-nations-finance-authority-on-fifth-debenture-issuance.html>

BAFFINLAND SIGNS UPDATED IMPACT BENEFIT AGREEMENT WITH INUIT COMMUNITIES

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Increased funding for education and training for local Inuit communities are the focus of a new impact benefit agreement (IBA) for Baffinland Iron Mines' Mary River mine. Baffinland and the Qikiqtani Inuit Association (QIA), a non-profit society that represents 13 Inuit communities in the Qikiqtani region of Nunavut, announced the changes to the agreement on Wednesday, updating the one originally signed in 2013. Included among the changes are the construction of a \$10-million regional training centre that will include heavy equipment training and housing for Inuit families, and can act as a shared space for the community of Pond Inlet; as well new opportunities for internships in non-mining company roles like human resources or finance. The agreement also includes more resources for community members

to monitor the impact of the project on the environment, including several marine research vessels to be purchased over the next 12 years.

<http://magazine.cim.org/en/news/2018/baffinland-signs-updated-iba-with-inuit-communities/>

SHISHALH NATION SIGNS HISTORIC RECONCILIATION AGREEMENT

Coast Reporter – Oct 6

After 23 months of negotiating, the shíshálh Nation and the province have signed the first major reconciliation agreement of its kind between the government and an Indigenous community ([agreement attached](#)). The agreement is a “completely new model for true reconciliation in British Columbia,” said shíshálh Nation Chief Warren Paull. He said it “will set the foundation for the next 25 years,” and that the agreement pushes past “obstacles that have caused massive delay, conflict and contention in the past.” Under the agreement, a set of “new decision-making structures” will establish a government-to-government working relationship between shíshálh Nation and the province. For example, built into the agreement are joint implementation and advisory committees, Paull told Coast Reporter following the signing ceremony. A “very robust” dispute mechanism has also been built into the agreement. The province will provide \$5.5 million to shíshálh Nation over five years to implement the agreement. Also included in the agreement are land transfers, economic and socio-cultural investments, and “joint aspirational long-term commitments,” according to a release from the Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation. The Crown will transfer three parcels of land near existing land owned by shíshálh that will be used for “economic development purposes, including gravel extraction, as well as for social and cultural purposes,” said the release. Another new item is a Shared Decision Making Pilot Agreement for forestry decisions in the region.

<https://www.coastreporter.net/news/local-news/shíshálh-nation-signs-historic-reconciliation-agreement-1.23453333>

FIRST NATIONS OWNERSHIP OF TRANS MOUNTAIN IS A TERRIFIC IDEA

EnergiNews – Oct 7

The Canadian government may be giving all or part of the Trans Mountain pipeline to First Nations, according to a Thursday news report. National aboriginal business leader JP Gladu thinks equity participation in natural resource projects, including energy infrastructure, should be part of “economic reconciliation” with indigenous communities. The Trudeau cabinet is apparently considering placing all or part of the project – it’s not clear if all Kinder Morgan Canada assets would be included or just the 590,000 b/d Trans Mountain Expansion from Edmonton, Alberta area to Burnaby, BC – in a trust to fund First Nation projects.

<https://energi.news/markham-on-energy/first-nation-ownership-of-trans-mountain-is-a-terrific-idea/>

CANADIAN MINER AND FIRST NATION WORK TOGETHER ON “NEW WONDER MATERIAL” PROJECT

Mining.Com – Oct 7

In a moment where Canada is moving forward with a few different energy projects that involve complex consultation processes with communities, Ontario-based Zenyatta Ventures announced the launching of a partnership with the Constance Lake First Nation for the development of the Albany Graphite Project. The relationship between Zenyatta and Constance Lake dates back to 2010 when the exploration work at Albany began. The following year, an exploration agreement was signed and it is still in place until a formal agreement on a new project partnership structure replaces it. In the meantime, Constance Lake hired Long North Capital Group as business advisors to help them build a fair partnership with Zenyatta, particularly now that Albany is evolving into something different from what was outlined in its 2015 Preliminary Economic Assessment.

<http://www.mining.com/canadian-miner-first-nation-work-together-new-wonder-material-project/>