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WHAT QIA ACCOMPLISHED THROUGH THE MARY RIVER IIBA RENEGOTIATION

QIA Website – Oct 3

QIA recently completed its renegotiation of the Mary River IIBA. A renegotiation of the IIBA is set to take place every three-years. The IIBA can also be renegotiated at other times if both QIA and Baffinland Iron Mines Corp. agree. This renegotiation focused on the experiences of the first five years of the IIBA.

<https://qia.ca/what-qia-accomplished-through-the-mary-river-iiba-renegotiation/>

INDIGENOUS CULTURAL TOURISM: HOW THE NORTH IS LEARNING FROM COMMUNITY SUCCESS IN SOUTHERN CANADA

Radio Canada International – Oct 6

The successes of cultural tourism in Canada's southern Aboriginal communities are providing an important roadmap for development of Indigenous cultural tourism in the North, a sector expected to grow significantly in coming years, say northern communities and tourism organizations.

The Government of Northwest Territories' Department of Industry, Tourism and Investment, the Indigenous Tourism Association of Canada (ITAC), and Northwest Territories Tourism (NWT), recently signed a memorandum of understanding to develop Indigenous cultural tourism in the territory and includes new annual investments of up to \$257,000. The majority of the 2018-2019 funding will be directed towards workshops and marketing, many geared towards growing local businesses to be able to better handle visitors from southern Canada and international visitors, as well creating greater awareness about what's NWT has to offer.

<http://www.rcinet.ca/en/2018/10/06/indigenous-cultural-tourism-how-the-north-is-learning-from-community-success-in-southern-canada/>

WHO VISITS ESKER CAMP?

Noront Eagle's Eye Blog – Oct 9

Noront hosts 15-20 site visits in a typical year, some just one day others for several weeks. So, just who is visiting our camp in the heart of the Ring of Fire? Elders from Marten Falls and Webequie are one important group. They often stay overnight to provide time for them to see all they'd like and to meet with members of their communities who work at site. The elders are an influential group and we want them to take an informed and positive view of our activities back to their communities.

<http://blog.norontresources.com/2018/10/who-visits-esker-camp/>

THE 'WOW' FACTOR: COWESSESS FIRST NATION LAUNCHES SOLAR POWER PROJECT

CBC News – Oct 10

Looking at the four imposing rows of solar panels on the east end of Regina, Cowessess First Nation Chief Cadmus Delorme says the band's latest renewable energy project has a definite "wow" factor. It's clear that renewable energy is an emerging powerhouse, Delorme said, with SaskPower stating its own goal is to see 50 per cent of the power used in the province come from renewable sources by 2030. "Today it's just to show the world that First Nations in this province and this country, we want to play a part," he said.

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/saskatchewan/cowessess-first-nation-solar-energy-project-1.4857561>

COMPRESSED NATURAL GAS SUPPLIER COMING TO NORTHERN ONTARIO

Northern Ontario Business – Oct 11

Certarus, a Calgary-based compressed natural gas company, is investing \$54 million to build two sites and provide 41 jobs to service off-grid industry in Northern Ontario. According an Oct. 11 news release from the Timmins Economic Development Corporation (TEDC), the company is expanding into Ontario with "hubs" to be developed in Timmins and

Red Rock to provide mines and mills with a cleaner and affordable alternative to diesel and propane for heat and power generation.

<https://www.northernontariobusiness.com/industry-news/green/compressed-natural-gas-supplier-coming-to-northern-ontario-1080667>

LOCAL BUSINESSES TURN TO MINISTER TO CUT RED TAPE TO STIMULATE JOB CREATION

Bay Today – Oct 11

Jim Wilson, Minister of Economic Development, Small Business and Trade held a "red tape reduction" roundtable discussion in North Bay Thursday to get a northern perspective from the local business community. Fedeli says it will take giving business the tools they need. "By lowering their taxes, by lowering the requirements, by cutting red tape. Look at the Ring of Fire. The one company took two years just to get an environmental assessment approval, to do an environmental assessment. It should have taken 45 days. Two years to get the right to be able to spend millions of dollars, and the next four years doing the real assessment. That's the kind of nonsense the companies were going through that made us fall from the number one mining jurisdiction in the world to number 28."

<https://www.baytoday.ca/local-news/local-businesses-turn-to-minister-to-cut-red-tape-to-stimulate-job-creation-1081361>

OTTAWA, DEHCHO FIRST NATIONS SIGN DEAL FOR 1ST INDIGENOUS PROTECTED WILDLIFE AREA

CBC News – Oct 11

Environment Minister Catherine McKenna has signed an agreement with Dehcho First Nations Grand Chief Gladys Norwegian to officially protect the Edehzhie area, creating the first Indigenous-protected national wildlife area in Canada. "Past leaders and elders have worked diligently to protect the Edehzhie so that it will be here for future generations," Dehcho First Nations Grand Chief Gladys Norwegian said Thursday. "The Dene have a special relationship with the land."

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/north/catherine-mckenna-indigenous-wildlife-area-1.4857892>

'IT'S HARD WORK': SAWMILL TRAINING PROGRAM BRINGS SKILLS TO K'ATL'ODEECHE FIRST NATION

CBC News – Oct 11

A sawmill that has been sitting at K'atl'odeeche First Nation for more than four years is finally getting some use. Three community members are being trained to use the machine so they can start producing lumber in the community. "It's hard work," said trainer Murphy Pottage. "But it's a skill that they can carry with them the rest of their lives." The N.W.T.'s Department of Education, Culture and Employment, the Aboriginal Skills and Employment Training Strategy, Aurora College, and the K'atl'odeeche First Nation worked together to bring Pottage into the community, who is training residents for free. The First Nation bought the sawmill years ago, but this is the first time people will be trained to use the equipment.

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/north/sawmill-training-program-katloodeeche-first-nation-1.4858467>