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## **'BRAIDING WESTERN SCIENCE AND INDIGENOUS KNOWLEDGE': NEW ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING PROGRAM LAUNCHES**

CBC News – Oct 22

A new college program aims to combine Indigenous traditional knowledge and modern science to empower the next generation of environmental monitors in the oilsands. Keyano College launched the program in October and its first group of 11 students is studying in Fort Chipewyan, Alta. The program at Keyano is the only one in Canada that combines modern techniques and Indigenous traditional knowledge, said Sithara Fernando, the program's instructor. Fernando, a wildlife biologist, works with elders from the region's Indigenous communities to teach the program.

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/edmonton/keyano-college-program-environmental-monitoring-1.4871177>

## **MENTORSHIP AT ESKER**

Noront Eagle's Eye Blog – Oct 22 (By Lyndon Wabasse, Camp Support)

In January 2018 I got a short contract as a field assistant then I moved into a camp support job when that opened up in March. I am so happy and excited I started at Esker! The first thing I did was get to know the camp and people. I never thought of working here at all and now I'm doing so many tasks and being responsible for safe practices.

<http://blog.norontresources.com/2018/10/mentorship-at-esker/>

## **FIRST NATION FORESTRY DEV-CORP IS A BIG WINNER**

Northern Ontario Business – Oct 23

What began as a capacity-building exercise has evolved into a groundbreaking First Nations-owned and operated forestry venture and tenure model in northwestern Ontario. Agoke Development Corporation received top honours in being named the winner of the Business Partnership of the Year Award at the Nishnawbe Aski Development Fund (NADF) Business Awards held in Timmins, Oct.18. The three First Nation communities of Aroland, Marten Falls. and Eabametoong, collectively manage the 10,900-square-kilometre Ogoki Forest, 400 kilometres northeast of Thunder Bay.

<https://www.northernontariobusiness.com/industry-news/aboriginal-businesses/first-nation-forestry-dev-corp-is-a-big-winner-1095331>

## **COLUMN: WHY CAN'T OTTAWA GET INDIGENOUS CONSULTATION RIGHT?**

Calgary Herald – Oct 23

It seems the government's approach to Indigenous consultation is try and try again. This time, the government hopes that appointing former Supreme Court justice Frank Iacobucci to oversee the consultation process will get the process "right." Remember, this latest move comes after the government sought "deeper consultations with Indigenous peoples" in 2016.

<https://calgaryherald.com/opinion/columnists/column-what-cant-ottawa-get-indigenous-consultation-right>

## **SMALL MODULAR NUCLEAR REACTORS COULD PROVIDE AN ENERGY ALTERNATIVE TO OFF-GRID OPERATIONS**

CIM Magazine – Oct 23

Small modular nuclear reactors (SMRs) could one day bring clean energy to remote mining sites and small northern communities around the country. At this point, it is still early days, but Diane Cameron, director of the Nuclear Energy Division at Natural Resources Canada, is forging a path forward for this emerging technology. SMRs are coming, she says, but the unsettled question is whether Canada will lead the industry or follow it.

<http://magazine.cim.org/en/voices/a-smrt-energy-alternative-en/>

## **DE BEERS' VICTOR MINE WINS PRESIDENT'S AWARD FOR SAFETY**

Mining Technology – Oct 23

Canadian health and safety association Workplace Safety North (WSN) has announced the 2018 recipients of its President's Award, given to organisations with a strong commitment to improving safety, with the De Beers Group winning the mining category. "The President's Award is the highest provincial health and safety honour, and recognises exceptional commitment to the prevention of illness and injury, and to continuous improvement in occupational health and safety," said WSN president and CEO Paul Andre.

<https://www.mining-technology.com/mining-safety/de-beers-victor-mine-wins-presidents-award-safety>

## **NEW TRANSMISSION LINE WILL SUPPORT GROWTH IN NORTHWESTERN ONTARIO**

Cision – Oct 24

The Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) has requested Hydro One Inc. start development work for a new electricity transmission line in northwestern Ontario that will support future economic growth. Beginning development work now will ensure the region is well positioned to provide reliable electricity supply to new businesses and other Ontario consumers in the northwest. A need for new electricity supply could emerge as soon as the early 2020s if there is high growth in the mining sector, including the Ring of Fire. The new line will help transmit power from Thunder Bay to Atikokan and could be extended further northwest to Dryden in later years if electricity demand continues to increase. Hydro One is being asked to conduct development work now for the entire route.

<https://www.newswire.ca/news-releases/new-transmission-line-will-support-growth-in-northwestern-ontario-698449951.html>

## **STATEMENT BY PREMIER DOUG FORD FOLLOWING A SUCCESSFUL TOUR OF NORTHERN ONTARIO**

Ontario Newsroom – Oct 25

Our Government for the People is focusing on partnership and making sure Northern Ontario is Open for Business. We know that sectors like steel, mineral exploration and forestry are vital to Northern Ontario's continued economic success. These sectors, as well as a commitment to protecting our natural environment, are crucial in making sure all of Ontario continues to thrive for generations.

<https://news.ontario.ca/opo/en/2018/10/statement-by-premier-doug-ford-following-a-successful-tour-of-northern-ontario.html>