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TLICHO ALL-SEASON ROAD NEAR NICO PROJECT APPROVED

Mining.com – Oct 30

Fortune Minerals reports that the governments of Canada and the Northwest Territories have accepted the environmental assessment approval for the modified Tlicho all-season road. The modifications were developed with the Tlicho government through a consultation process managed by the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board. The Tlicho government also approved the board's recommendation with modifications. The Tlicho Road involves the construction and operation of a permanent 97-km highway, extending north from Highway 3 to the Community of Whati in the Northwest Territories.

http://www.mining.com/tlicho-season-road-near-nico-project-approved/?utm_source=digest-en-mining-181030&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=digest

NDP MINING CRITIC CONCERNED FORD GOVERNMENT STALLING ON RING OF FIRE DEVELOPMENT

CBC – Nov 1

Since the Ford government took office in June, Mantha says he's tried to get an update on the Ring of Fire project with no success. "It's one of the frustrating parts that I'm finding, as a critic who has asked the minister numerous times for a briefing from his ministry to identify some of their priorities, goals," Mantha said. He adds that First Nations, municipalities, the mining industry, mining and forestry companies are all sitting at the table waiting. "Where is this government? Why haven't they come to the table in order to have open discussions in order to establish good working relationships?" he asked.

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/sudbury/mantha-ring-of-fire-first-nations-1.4886598>

NEW TIMMINS MAYOR-ELECT REAFFIRMS SMELTER INTEREST

Northern Ontario CTV News – Nov 1

Mining firm Noront Resources is still trying to decide between Sault Ste. Marie and Timmins as a location for a new \$1 billion ferrochrome smelter. On Wednesday, the newly elected mayor of Timmins, George Pirie, along with the local MP Charlie Angus and MPP Gilles Bisson met with Noront officials in Toronto.

<https://northernontario.ctvnews.ca/new-timmins-mayor-elect-reaffirms-smelter-interest-1.4159336>

LACK OF COOPERATION COULD MEAN DELAYS IN MINING PROJECTS SAYS ALGOMA-MANITOULIN MPP

Sudbury.com – Nov 3

Algoma-Manitoulin MPP Michael Mantha says Premier Doug Ford's failure to acknowledge the traditional territory of Pic Mobert First Nation at a recent mine opening indicates the premier doesn't understand what it takes to build a trusting relationship with Indigenous communities. During the opening of Harte Gold's Sugar Zone mine in White River, neither Doug Ford nor Greg Rickford, the Minister of Energy, Northern Development and Mines, and Indigenous Affairs, acknowledged the traditional First Nation territory.

<https://www.sudbury.com/local-news/lack-of-co-operation-could-mean-delays-in-mining-projects-says-algoma-manitoulin-mpp-1109458>

THE FIRST ENTREPRENEURS: INCOME OF FIRST NATIONS WITH RESOURCE DEALS EXCEED NATIONAL AVERAGES

National Post – Nov 6

A dramatic change in First Nations' approaches to natural resources development has led, in certain cases, to rising incomes in Indigenous communities where members now out-earn national averages. The Montreal Economic Institute found in a study released Tuesday that First Nations communities and members involved in resource development earn multiples of what both Indigenous and non-Indigenous people earn in other industries.

<https://business.financialpost.com/commodities/the-first-entrepreneurs-income-of-first-nations-with-resource-deals-exceed-national-averages>

FIRST NATIONS HELPING TO DRIVE NATURAL RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

Northern Ontario Business – Nov 6

The report comments that Reconciliation between First Nations and the rest of Canada must also be economic, and cites examples where resource development has had a transformational impact on entire communities. Bezile points to the Cree of northern Quebec, who are active in the mining sector; the involvement of the Lax Kw'alaams and Kitselas of British Columbia in the forestry and natural gas sectors, respectively; and Fort McKay Nation, which is growing rich in the Alberta oilsands. In recent years, only five per cent of Fort McKay's revenues came from federal transfers.

<https://www.northernontariobusiness.com/industry-news/aboriginal-businesses/first-nations-helping-to-drive-natural-resource-development-1112422>

CANADIAN NUCLEAR ASSOCIATION WELCOMES THE CANADIAN SMR ROADMAP

Oil and Gas 360 – Nov 7

The Canadian Nuclear Association (CNA) welcomes the release of "A Call to Action: A Canadian Roadmap for Small Modular Reactors," the result of a pan-Canadian, multi-stakeholder study launched in early 2018. The Roadmap outlines the potential applications for SMRs in Canada, which include providing clean and reliable electricity and heat to smaller and/or remote communities such as in Canada's north; clean process heat and electricity for resource industries such as Ontario's Ring of Fire mining and Alberta's oil sands; and clean electricity to existing power grids, particularly those needing clean energy to replace fossil fuels (e.g. coal) for their base-load electricity generation.

<https://www.oilandgas360.com/canadian-nuclear-association-welcomes-the-canadian-smr-roadmap/>



Picture from Glenn Nolan Twitter (Oct 30, 18) saying: "Attending Meet the Miners event at Queen's Park – Greg Rickford, Ross Romano, thanks for your support"