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LINK BETWEEN RURAL WORK CAMPS AND VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN IS REAL, RESEARCHERS SAY

Toronto Star – Dec 4

Remote work camps are linked to increased violence against women and it's a problem we need to address, experts say. Conservative leaders slammed Prime Minister Justin Trudeau over the weekend for comments he made to a gender equality panel at the G20 summit in Argentina, in which he talked about "gender impacts" that accompany large infrastructure projects. "There are gender impacts when you bring construction workers into a rural area. There are social impacts because they're mostly male construction workers. How are you adjusting and adapting to those?" he said in a minute-long clip circulated on social media.

<https://www.thestar.com/edmonton/2018/12/04/link-between-rural-work-camps-and-violence-against-women-is-real-researchers-say.html>

OTTAWA, NUNAVUT SIGN RENEWED JOB-TRAINING DEALS

Nunatsiq News – Dec 4

The federal government will give the Government of Nunavut a little more money for job training over the next five years, thanks to two agreements the federal employment minister, Patty Hajdu, and Nunavut's family services minister, Elisapee Sheutiapik, signed on Monday, Dec. 3. Under the agreements, Ottawa will give Nunavut \$34 million over five years to spend on skills training for workers. That's about \$4 million more over the same period than Nunavut had been receiving in the past, a federal news release said. The money will help 1,000 more Nunavut workers over the five years, the federal government said. The two new deals represent Nunavut's share of two federal programs called Workforce Development Agreements, or "WDA," and Labour Market Development Agreements, or "LMDA."

<http://nunatsiq.com/stories/article/ottawa-nunavut-sign-renewed-job-training-deals/>

CANADIAN MINERALS AND METALS PLAN INTRODUCE THE MINERALS OF MINING

Mines Canada Website – Dec 4

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A \$100 BILLION NATIONAL INDIGENOUS ECONOMIC AGENDA

National Observer – Dec 6

Type "Indigenomics" into a document, see the red squiggly line that appears indicating a spell-check error, right-click and then press "add word," because the relatively new term is picking up speed in Canada's lexicon. The Indigenomics Institute, an economic advisory group launched in 2018 that works with public governments, Indigenous communities and the private sector to overcome economic barriers imposed on Indigenous communities, released a national economic agenda at the Assembly of First Nations in Ottawa on Thursday. An essential part of the institute's work to promote the role of Indigenous peoples, communities and businesses in the new economy involves changing the narrative of Indigenous peoples in Canada, the institute's CEO and founder Carol Anne Hilton told National Observer in a phone interview. Rather than seeing Indigenous peoples as "in a place of economic despair," Hilton works to uphold Indigenous economic prosperity through the recognition of Indigenous rights and title.

<https://www.nationalobserver.com/2018/12/06/news/100-billion-national-indigenous-economic-agenda>

COALITION AIMS TO PUT FIRST NATIONS IN THE DRIVER'S SEAT ON MAJOR PROJECTS

First Nations Major Projects Coalition – Dec 9

Tired of waiting for major construction projects to come to them, a growing coalition of First Nations is instead taking the lead on ventures to better control their economic futures. "We really are in a place looking to diversify our

economies," said Jasmine Thomas, a councillor of the Saik'uz First Nation in central British Columbia. "Really moving away from projects proposed and imposed on us, and changing that whole direction to projects that we're leading, and that make sense to us."

<https://mailchi.mp/0ec8e1bda117/whats-new-at-the-major-projects-coalition-419507>

MOOSE CREE FIRST NATION SIGN DEAL FOR DELIVERIES BY DRONE FROM MOOSONEE

CBC – Dec 9

The island community of Moose Factory, Ont., will begin having goods delivered by drone next spring, after signing a \$2.5 million deal with a Toronto-based company. The deal, signed with Drone Delivery Canada, will help with the movement of necessities like medical supplies, food and mail from mainland Moosonee.

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/indigenous/moose-factory-drone-delivery-deal-1.4937422>

CREE NATION IDENTIFIES 30 PER CENT OF ITS TERRITORY IN CONSERVATION WISH LIST

CBC News – Dec 12

When brought together, the proposed areas represent a territory roughly the size of Ireland, about 80,000 square kilometres, and are scattered throughout the Cree Nation. It was submitted to the Quebec Government at the end of November as the Cree proposal for the province's Plan Nord conservation target. "We see so much development," said Cree deputy grand chief Mandy Gull, who is responsible for the Cree Nation conservation file. "We have to really create these spaces for protection to ensure Cree youth can go and hunt, fish and trap in areas that haven't been subject to any kind of presence. "It's vital to our own culture," said Gull.

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/north/conservation-cree-quebec-plan-nord-hunt-trap-1.4941383>