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ICMM IS FIRST INDUSTRY BODY TO COMMIT TO UN GUIDING PRINCIPLES ON BUSINESS AND HUMAN RIGHTS AS A CONDITION OF MEMBERSHIP

ICMM Website – Nov 26

Today, International Council on Mining and Metals (ICMM) announced new membership requirements to advance the sustainability performance of the mining sector, committing members to implement the United Nations Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights. Speaking at the UN Annual Forum on Business and Human Rights, Tom Butler, ICMM's Chief Executive announced ICMM's new performance expectations that will define what mining with principles looks like in practice, by setting a benchmark for the industry's environmental and social performance.

<http://www.icmm.com/pe-pr>

SUDBURY MP TO RUN AGAIN; SAYS THERE'S WORK TO DO

Sudbury Star – Nov 29

Paul Lefebvre has more goals he wants to accomplish, including progress on the Ring of Fire. The Sudbury MP, elected for the first time in 2015, was recently acclaimed to run again for the Liberals in 2019. Since September, Lefebvre has also been acting as parliamentary secretary to Natural Resources Minister Amarjeet Sohi, who has now tapped him to handle a file of major significance for both Sudbury and the region. "The minister last week asked me to take the lead role from the Department of Natural Resources on the Ring of Fire," the MP said Wednesday. "I'm very excited about that challenge because the Ring of Fire stands to help the economy in Northern Ontario and benefit so many individuals." While Ottawa has yet to match the \$1 billion committed by the former Liberal government in Ontario for Ring of Fire infrastructure, Lefebvre said there is still an opportunity for a federal contribution.

<https://www.thesudburystar.com/news/local-news/sudbury-mp-to-run-again-says-theres-work-to-do>

INDIGENOUS BUSINESS TAKES CENTRE STAGE AT CONFERENCE

Northern Ontario Business – Nov 30

A unique conference with a focus on Indigenous business is returning to Sudbury with the promise to be bigger. The second annual Procurement, Employment and Partnership Conference and Tradeshow will be held Jan. 22-23 at the Holiday Inn. The conference was born out of talks surrounding plans for the Ring of Fire, and how to broker better relations among area communities with the idea of developing more inclusive supply chains when the remote mines go into production. The event is organized by Greater Sudbury Chamber of Commerce, in partnership with the Canadian Council for Aboriginal Business and presented by SNC-Lavalin.

<https://www.northernontariobusiness.com/regional-news/sudbury/indigenous-business-takes-centre-stage-at-conference-1141401>

BASIC FACTS ABOUT THE RING OF FIRE INCLUDIN FNS TRADITIONAL TERRITORIES BY STAN SUDOL

Republic of Mining – Nov 30

It must be clearly noted that this proposed north/south road to the Ring of Fire's known mineral discoveries are not on the traditional territories of Eabametoong or Neskantaga. In fact, the Eabametoong reserve is a little over 170 kms south-west of the proposed first mine in the Ring of Fire – Noront Resources' Eagle's Nest underground nickel-copper mine – while Neskantaga in about 130kms in the same direction. A previous news release – <https://bit.ly/2BN9AAy> – put out by both communities "strongly suggested" that they would have to clean up any potential "mine spill" or other problems: "...we are the ones who will have to struggle if our waters are poisoned and our kids won't be able to experience the great hunting and fishing we have right now." This is simply not true! Eabametoong and Neskantaga are both up-river so if some problem did occur – and the risk for this is very, very low – neither community would be affected as the water flows eastward toward James Bay.

<https://republicofmining.com/2018/11/30/basic-facts-about-the-ring-of-fire-including-fns-traditional-territories-by-stan-sudol/>

POWERING THE NORTH: \$1.6 BILLION PROJECT CONNECTS REMOTE COMMUNITIES TO GRID

CBC News – Dec 2

An economic study by Ontario's Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) published in 2014 put the cost of supplying diesel to 21 remote communities in northwestern Ontario at around \$90 million a year. Most of that is paid for by the federal government and Ontario's electricity consumers. The same study makes the case that connecting those communities to the grid would save up to \$1 billion in fuel costs alone over the next 40 years. The IESO states that using diesel to create electricity in remote communities is, on average, the highest-cost electricity resource in Ontario. \$1.6 billion funding announced to connect FN communities to provincial power grid. The Wataynikaneyap project involves putting poles in the ground for 1,800 km of transmission lines that will connect 17 remote First Nations communities to Ontario's power grid. It will cut the cost of providing electricity to northern communities, and means 260 jobs in the region for people who will build the lines and maintain them.

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/north/wataynikaneyap-power-project-kingfisher-lake-1.4922788>