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### **KIRKLAND LAKE COUNCIL REMINDS PROVINCE OF ITS CAMPAIGN PLEDGE TO SHARE RESOURCE REVENUE**

CBC – Jan 10

Resource revenue sharing was a hot topic for provincial leaders swinging through the north during the Ontario election last spring. The NDP pledged to give all \$41 million in annual provincial mining tax revenue to First Nations. The Progressive Conservatives promised to give First Nations, cities and towns in the north a cut of the provincial revenue from all resource industries, worth between \$20 and \$30 million every year. "They're going to get a fair percentage of the revenues and we're going to look out for the people of the north," now Premier Doug Ford said in an interview with CBC during the 2018 election campaign. But little has been said since the Conservatives formed the government six months ago.

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/sudbury/resource-revenue-sharing-northern-ontario-1.4971822>

### **WORKPLACE WELLNESS AT ESKER CAMP**

Noront's Eagle's Eye Blog – Jan 10

The program had an informal start in November 2018, when the Fitness Centre at Esker Camp was moved from a small Weatherhaven tent to a larger wooden structure. Getting this done between general daily duties at camp was a lot of work, but it was well worth it. Over the course of two shifts, we excavated and levelled the new site, removed a wall and rewired the new building, built a walkway, installed a stove and painted the floor. Only then could we move in the treadmill, bikes and elliptical from the old space.

<http://blog.norontresources.com/2019/01/workplace-wellness-at-esker-camp/>

### **UPGRADES TO WEBEQUIE AIRPORT VITALLY IMPORTANT – BOB NAULT**

NetNewsLedger – Jan 10

The \$1-million project was funded through Transport Canada's Airports Capital Assistance Program (ACAP). The work completed at the airport included the replacement of the edge lights on the main runway, taxiway and apron as well as various other electrical systems rehabilitation projects such as new electrical cabling and a new lighting control panel.

<http://www.netnewsledger.com/2019/01/10/upgrades-to-webequie-airport-vitally-important-bob-nault/>

### **CELEBRATING MULTIPLE HOUSING PROJECTS WITH WEBEQUIE FN**

NetNewsLedger – Jan 10

"Everyone should have access to a safe and healthy home regardless of where they live," stated Nault. "Today's celebration of 14 new modular homes, two new four-plexes, five single-family homes and renovations to 14 existing homes means a reduction in overcrowding and an improvement in the quality of life for residents." All of these housing projects were funded through the Government of Canada's Community Wellbeing Pilot Project, launched in February 2016. This pilot project is an innovative whole-of-government approach to community development that focuses on community-identified needs and priorities such as housing, water, health, education and financial governance. As a result of these collaborative efforts, the community is able to provide new, safe and modern homes to 29 families, and was able to benefit from employment and business opportunities associated with housing construction and renovations. Since 2016, the Government of Canada has invested a total \$9,387,564 toward these housing projects.

<http://www.netnewsledger.com/2019/01/10/celebrating-multiple-housing-projects-with-webequie-fn/>

### **ONTARIO PROTECTING STEEL INDUSTRY JOBS IN SAULT STE. MARIE**

Ontario Newsroom – Jan 10

Today, Minister of Energy, Northern Development and Mines Greg Rickford visited Algoma Steel Inc. to announce a \$60 million repayable loan from the provincial government.

<https://news.ontario.ca/mndmf/en/2019/01/ontario-protecting-steel-industry-jobs-in-sault-ste-marie-1.html>

## **THE REAL WAR FACING THE WET'SUWET'EN NATION**

Vice – Jan 10

To the outside world it seems that the war is the Wet'suwet'en vs. the pipeline. Or Wet'suwet'en vs. Canada. Or Wet'suwet'en vs. the RCMP. And to a certain extent it is. But our biggest war right now is the Wet'suwet'en vs. the Wet'suwet'en. I'm not advocating for or against the pipeline. I want to see the Wet'suwet'en come back together like we once were and build on where Delgamuukw left off: unite the bands and the clans to uphold the responsibilities our ancestors left us while also working to navigate the challenges of the modern world. We are proving this can work with Wet'suwet'en jurisdiction over child welfare. We can make it work with economic development and environmental stewardship.

[https://www.vice.com/en\\_ca/article/kzvmqv/the-real-war-facing-the-wetsuweten-nation](https://www.vice.com/en_ca/article/kzvmqv/the-real-war-facing-the-wetsuweten-nation)

## **ZENYATTA PROVIDES UPDATE ON ALBANY GRAPHITE BULK SAMPLING PROGRAM**

Newsfile – Jan 11

Zenyatta Ventures Ltd. is pleased to provide an update on its now fully permitted 2019 bulk sampling program on the Albany Graphite Project, located in northern Ontario near the communities of Constance Lake First Nation and Hearst. The main purpose of the program is to recover a large sample of the graphite mineralization in order to generate graphene product samples for market development purposes. The program is expected to generate up to 40 tons of 99.8% purity graphene pre-cursor material. The total budget for the program is \$3 million, to be funded with the proceeds of the recently completed flow-through financing.

<https://www.newsfilecorp.com/release/42112/Zenyatta-provides-update-on-Albany-Graphite-Bulk-Sampling-Program>

## **OPINION: EXCLUDING HUMAN RIGHTS FROM PROJECT ASSESSMENT AND APPROVAL IS AN UNWORKABLE PROPOSITION**

Calgary Herald – Jan 12

The current federal system for review and regulation of resource development proposals is broken. Not because, as some critics claim, the process is too slow and cumbersome, but because in a democratic society, governments simply cannot ignore the human rights implications of their decisions, especially in the era of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. Although the protection of human rights is an explicit constitutional imperative, current federal impact assessment legislation does not include any direct or explicit reference to rights protections. This is despite the fact that large-scale resource development projects will have profound impacts on the Indigenous nations whose lands and jurisdictions are inevitably implicated, as well as for the Indigenous and non-Indigenous communities that host the workforces which build and maintain such projects. And, it is all too clear in the discussions with Indigenous leadership, that Canada's governments and proponents must plan the process at an early stage with Indigenous nations to meet an expectation of co-decision-making procedures.

<https://calgaryherald.com/opinion/columnists/opinion-excluding-human-rights-from-project-assessment-and-approval-is-an-unworkable-proposition>

## **BOLD VENTURES COMMENCES COMPILATION STUDY – PROVIDES UPDATE**

Great Bear Resources – Jan 14

Bold ventures is pleased to announce that it has commenced a data compilation study of an area within Northwestern Ontario that has been mandated by the Lac de Mille Lacs First Nation. Bold Ventures explores for minerals in Ontario and Québec. In Ontario, Bold and its subsidiary Rencore Resources Ltd. Have extensive holdings comprised of over 18 claim groups in and around the Ring of Fire area of the James Bay Lowlands.

<https://www.juniorminingnetwork.com/junior-miner-news/press-releases/1886-tsx-venture/bol/56913-bold-ventures-commences-compilation-study-provides-update.html>

## **ZENYATTA VENTURES LTD. ANNOUNCES NAME CHANGE TO ZEN GRAPHENE SOLUTIONS LTD.**

Investing News – Jan 15

Zennyatta Ventures Ltd. is pleased to announce that it has obtained TSX Venture Exchange approval and has changed its name from "Zenyatta Ventures Ltd." to "ZEN Graphene Solutions Ltd." effective January 16, 2019. The name change reflects the Company's decision to focus its development plans for the Albany Graphite Project on the graphene nano-material product opportunity.

<https://investingnews.com/daily/resource-investing/battery-metals-investing/graphite-investing/zenyatta-ventures-ltd-announces-name-change-to-zen-graphene-solutions-ltd/>

## **FEDS FUNNEL \$3.4M INTO NORTHERN ONTARIO'S BUSINESS SECTORS AND FIRST NATIONS**

Elliot Lake Today – Jan 15

This FedNor funding supports five initiatives that among other things will enable Waubetek Business Development Corporation to establish and operate a Centre of Excellence for Indigenous Mineral Development for four years.

<https://www.elliottlaketoday.com/local-news/feds-funnel-34m-into-northern-ontarios-business-sectors-and-first-nations-1196883>

## **WATER IN MINING ANNOUNCE CONFERENCE**

Water in Mining Website – Jan 16

Water in Mining is the ONLY international event bringing together water executives from the top 50 mining companies to network, debate and discuss the best ways to reduce, reuse, recycle and treat water resources.

[https://waterinmining.net/?utm\\_source=twitter&utm\\_medium=organic](https://waterinmining.net/?utm_source=twitter&utm_medium=organic)

## **INTERVIEW: ZEN GRAPHENE SOLUTIONS DISCUSSESS ALBANY GRAPHITE BULK SAMPLING PROGRAM**

Agoracom – Jan 16

<https://agoracom.com/ir/ZENGrapheneSolutions/forums/discussion/topics/721622-interview-zen-graphene-solutions-discusses-albany-graphite-bulk-sampling-program/messages/2218775#message>

## **FIRST NATIONS CALL ON ONTARIO TO FIX UNJUST PROCESS THREATENING ELECTRICAL TRANSMISSION RELIABILITY**

NetNewsLedger – Jan 17

Today, leaders of six First Nations call on the Ontario Government to intervene and fix a broken process created by the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) and the previous Ontario government that ignores First Nations' rights and northern development pertaining to a necessary and important electricity transmission project planned for Northern Ontario.

<http://www.netnewsledger.com/2019/01/17/first-nations-call-on-ontario-to-fix-unjust-process-threatening-electrical-transmission-reliability/>