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GERALDTON MINE BUILDER GETS PROVINCIAL EA APPROVAL FOR OPEN PIT

Northern Ontario Business – Mar 28

The provincial environmental assessment (EA) of an open-pit mine development near Geraldton has been approved. Premier Gold Mines and Centerra Gold, the 50-50 owners and developers of the Hardrock Project announced that the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks had signed off on their environmental technical report.

<https://www.northernontariobusiness.com/industry-news/mining/geraldton-mine-builder-gets-provincial-ea-approval-for-open-pit-1345936>

QUESNEL: MAKING THE RING OF FIRE WORK FOR EVERYONE

The World News – March 29

There is some hopeful movement on the famed Ring of Fire mineral deposit in northwestern Ontario. The new Ontario government promised to revive the project. There is some national interest in this massive project because of the jobs and economic activity for both Indigenous and non-Indigenous communities. The federal government also has a role in clarifying treaty issues.

<https://theworldnews.net/ca-news/quesnel-making-the-ring-of-fire-work-for-everyone>

MATAWA WATERSHED PROTECTION – SUPERIOR MORNING (AUDIO)

CBC – Apr 1

<https://www.cbc.ca/player/play/1469091395732>

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD GREENLIGHTS WATAY POWER PROJECT

Northern Ontario Business – Apr 3

The Ontario Energy Board has approved Wataynikaneyap Power LP (Watay Power)'s leave to construction application to proceed with the massive northwestern Ontario power line project. The \$1.6-billion project involves stringing 1,800 kilometres of power lines to connect 17 remote First Nation communities, north of Pickle Lake and Red Lake, to Ontario's power grid for the first time. The First Nation-owned utility filed their application last June.

<https://www.northernontariobusiness.com/industry-news/design-build/ontario-energy-board-greenlights-watay-power-project-1355328>

COMMUTING TO ESKER (BY CURTIS COASTER, FIELD ASSISTANT)

Noront Eagle's Eye Blog – Apr 8

My favourite travel season is fall. Spring and fall are known as “break up” and “freeze-up” seasons when we fly to the Webequie First Nation Airport about 70 km west of Esker, then catch a helicopter lift to start our work rotation. And there you have it...that is how I get to work for my rotation! Watch the video below for a better look at our commute.

<http://blog.norontresources.com/2019/04/commuting-to-esker/>

EMPLOYEE PROFILE – JP GLADU

Noront Eagle's Eye Blog – Apr 8

I am honoured to serve on the Noront Board of Directors. I am also President & CEO of the Canadian Council for Aboriginal Business (CCAB) which gives me the opportunity to speak on Indigenous issues across the country and around the world. One of the issues I'm most passionate about is representation of Indigenous people on corporate boards. Noront is leading by example.

<http://blog.norontresources.com/2019/04/employee-profile-jp-gladu/>

MATAWA CHIEFS REJECT FORD GOV'T DUMPING FAR NORTH ACT

Northern Ontario Business – Apr 10

The Ford government's proposed repeal of the Far North Act is running into resistance from a group of First Nations chiefs in northwestern Ontario. In an April 10 news release, the Matawa Chiefs Council said they "reject" the province's "unilateral legislative change" and demand that they abandon their approach. The nine Matawa chiefs insist dumping the legislation will be highly impactful in their Aboriginal and treaty rights for generations to come. Rickford, in his capacity as Indigenous Affairs Minister, will lead the government's consultation hearings with communities as part of its review of the Far North Act. Nishnawbe Aski Nation, the political group representing 49 communities in Northern Ontario, is on board with Far North Act repeal, but wants Queen's Park to keep funding the land-use planning process.

<https://www.northernontariobusiness.com/regional-news/far-north-ring-of-fire/matawa-chiefs-reject-ford-govt-dumping-far-north-act-1367968>