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### **CALL FOR 2019-2020 ASSET MANAGEMENT PROGRAM FUNDING APPLICATION STARTS TODAY**

Mirage News – May 22

Indigenous Services Canada's (ISC) Asset Management Program is similar to that offered by the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) to its membership to help communities deal with competing priorities, limited funds, growing populations and aging infrastructure. First Nations face these situations every day, and asset management planning helps community leadership oversee and plan for their growing infrastructure needs.

<https://www.miragenews.com/first-nations-asset-management-infrastructure-planning-receives-second-year-of-investment/>

### **PARLIAMENTARY ASSISTANTS CONSULTING WITH STEEL AND NORTHERN STAKEHOLDERS ON INDUSTRIAL ELECTRICAL PRICES**

Ontario Newsroom – May 22

"We want to hear firsthand from the steel and northern sector on how we can improve our electricity system to make businesses more competitive," said Minister Greg Rickford. "We need to ensure our job-creating industries can thrive in Ontario with fair electricity prices." Our government is taking a different approach to fiscal management, job creation and how we deliver core services by putting people first. We are focusing our efforts on helping businesses and their input is essential for the design and effectiveness of current industrial electricity pricing programs. Consultation questions are available online, with electronic submissions accepted until June 14, 2019.

<https://news.ontario.ca/mndmf/en/2019/05/parliamentary-assistants-consulting-with-steel-and-northern-stakeholders-on-industrial-electricity-p.html>

### **SMELTER BID USING RAIL STILL POSSIBLE**

My Northbay Now – May 24

According to Timmins officials, they are not giving up yet on their bid to host a ferrochrome smelter in that city — a bid they say would include heavy dependence on Ontario Northland rail. When Noront Resources announced earlier this month it would build its ferrochrome smelter in Sault Ste. Marie instead of in Timmins, Mayor George Pirie emphasized that there is a lot of time to reverse that decision. "Their announcement said 2025 but we know that their process is — that they've got to build a nickel mine first before they begin to access the chromite deposit," the mayor said. "We know that the MoUs (Memorandums of Understanding) haven't been signed with the indigenous people and we do not believe that they've got the environmental permits in place to build a ferrochrome facility on the shores of the Great Lakes."

<https://www.mynorthbaynow.com/43773/smelter-bid-using-rail-still-possible/>

### **LETTER TO THE EDITOR: GREEN PARTY POLICIES NAÏVE, HARMFUL TO SUDBURY**

Sudbury Star – May 25

That Mr. May, in light of all this, still supports this UN statement, and still elevates First Nations to "separate nation" status, still with veto-like powers, shows that the Green Party (and the Liberals and NDP) are incapable of learning from experience and thus cannot be trusted to govern. Finally, the desirable transition to a non-carbon based economy will take billions of dollars in new private and government investments. It can't happen overnight, as Mr. May suggests. These new government dollars can only come from the taxes paid on new undertakings like the Ring of Fire and from the jobs created by them. No new projects equals no new government tax dollars equals the longer-lasting carbon-based economy. Thus, the Green Party's own naïve, utopian job- and investment-killing policies, which would only lead

to another Cliffs Natural Resources fiasco, will assuredly frustrate the accomplishment of their prime policy goal of saving the environment.

<https://www.thesudburystar.com/news/local-news/sudbury-letters-green-party-harmful-doctors-right-to-choose>

### **WHY DEVELOPING ONTARIO'S FAR NORTH IS RISKY BUSINESS**

Toronto Star – May 27

But climate change is threatening traditional ways of life for the Indigenous communities in the Far North. And this globally significant carbon storehouse could be transformed into sources of increased carbon dioxide and methane, depending on the type of peatland, water levels and other factors. Other projections are just as frightening. Temperatures will rise. Precipitation will change. Permafrost will continue to thaw.

<http://projects.thestar.com/climate-change-canada/ontario-ring-of-fire/>

### **PIMICIKAMAK CREE NATION MEMBERS TRAINING FOR HUSBAY MINING JOBS IN SNOW LAKE**

Thompson Citizen – May 28

A dozen members of Pimicikamak Cree Nation (PCN) at Cross Lake are being trained for mining sector jobs at Hudbay's Snow Lake operation through a partnership between the company, the provincial government, PCN, University College of the North (UCN) and the Northern Manitoba Sector council. The training began in February and will conclude in November. The provincial government is providing \$87,000 in funding for the training, with Hudbay and PCN contributing in-kind support.

<https://www.thompsoncitizen.net/news/nickel-belt/pimicikamak-cree-nation-members-training-for-hudbay-mining-jobs-in-snow-lake-1.23836648>

### **FOREST HARVESTING OFFERS JOB OPPORTUNITIES TO FIRST NATIONS**

TBNewsWatch – May 31

After six weeks of in-classroom instruction, 10 members of three area First Nations received a chance to show their hands-on skills with harvesting machines this week at a job site 400 kilometres north of Thunder Bay. The Agoke Development Corporation arranged with equipment suppliers to deliver a buncher, a skidder and a harvester to the Ogoki Forest, which lies east of Wabakimi Provincial Park. ADC is a company jointly run by Aroland, Eabametoong and Marten Falls First Nations, It harvests and manages the 11,000-square-kilometre Ogoki Forest under an arrangement with the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry. The trainees have been enrolled in a 10-week program administered by Confederation College.

<https://www.tbnewswatch.com/local-news/forest-harvesting-offers-job-opportunities-to-first-nations-3-photos-1479815>