

July 24, 2019

### **RING OF FIRE UPDATE – CBC SUPERIOR MORNING (AUDIO)**

CBC Player – June 27

<https://www.cbc.ca/player/play/1559579203870>

### **WELCOME AROLAND!**

Noront Resources – July 8

The Noront team visited Aroland in mid-May to better understand the vision and economic development strategy that Chief and Council have for their community. On June 6, 2019, Chief Dorothy Towedo signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Noront on behalf of her community. It formalized the relationship between Aroland and Noront and establishes an ongoing working and communication protocol. Everyone involved understands that early dialogue about the project and the associated infrastructure development is key to our joint success.

<http://blog.norontresources.com/2019/07/welcome-aroland/>

### **DIGGING DEEPER: THE TRUE VALUE OF TRAINING**

Noront Eagle's Eye Blog – July 8 (By Royden Spence, Geological Technician)

My first job with Noront was assisting with the major core haul program at McFauld's Lake in 2014. Since then I've taken on other roles and contracts, and I now work as a geological technician at Esker Site where I help the geologists and work with core.

<http://blog.norontresources.com/2019/07/digging-deeper-the-true-value-of-training/>

### **THUNDER BAY JOINS THE MINING INNOVATION MIX**

Northern Ontario Business – July 8

The Thunder Bay Community Economic Development Commission (CEDC) wants to establish some mining research and innovation capacity in northwestern Ontario. The CEDC has inked a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with Sudbury's Centre for Excellence in Mining Innovation (CEMI) to bring their technical expertise to the region. "We have a number of mining projects in northwestern Ontario and some of them may not get off the ground unless we have innovation," said Doug Murray, CEO of the city's development commission.

<https://www.northernontariobusiness.com/industry-news/technology/thunder-bay-joins-the-mining-innovation-mix-1574725>

### **ANOTHER ONTARIO FIRST NATION DECLARES A STATE OF EMERGENCY OVER WATER**

CBC News – July 15

Eabametoong First Nation, an Ojibway community that sits about 360 kilometres north of Thunder Bay, passed a band council resolution declaring a state of emergency Friday after water test results showed levels of trihalomethanes (THMs) between 122 to 182 per cent above Health Canada safety standards. "We have made this decision and the letter has gone to the minister and we would expect some action to address this," said Chief Harvey Yesno, in a telephone interview with CBC News. "It is stirring up a lot of anxiety in our community members ... it's incumbent upon us as leaders to do something about it. We have no choice but to do this."

[https://www.cbc.ca/news/indigenous/fn-ont-water-1.5211728?\\_vz=medium%3Dsharebar](https://www.cbc.ca/news/indigenous/fn-ont-water-1.5211728?_vz=medium%3Dsharebar)

### **FEDERAL GOVERNMENT PROVIDING \$3.1M FOR INDIGENOUS CLEAN ENERGY PROJECT**

Global News – July 15

Speaking at Trent, Peterborough-Kawartha MP Maryam Monsef announced on Monday that Carbonix, an Indigenous technology company from Fort William First Nation, would receive the funding from Natural Resources Canada to use resources more efficiently to reduce pollution and water waste. The company will scale up a project that produces active carbons from sustainably sourced feedstock, like petroleum coke and wood waste. The carbon is then used to capture contaminants from industrial waste streams and mine tailings. The project aims to accelerate the return of water used during extraction processes back to the environment and accelerate land restoration.

<https://globalnews.ca/news/5496826/federal-funding-indigenous-clean-technology/>

### **GOVERNMENT FORMALIZES SUPPORT FOR NORTHERN ONTARIO GRID CONNECTION PROJECT**

TB Newswatch – July 22

More than a dozen communities will soon be connected to the ‘line that brings light’ after the federal government and 24 partnering First Nations finalized the terms of the \$1.6 billion Northern Ontario Grid Connection Project. Seamus O’Regan, Minister of Indigenous Services, was in Fort William First Nation on Monday to formalize the Canadian government’s support for the project with Wataynikaneyap Power, which he calls monumental.

<https://www.tbnewswatch.com/local-news/government-formalizes-support-for-northern-ontario-grid-connection-project-2-photos-1598109>

### **WE ARE STILL TWO SOLITUDES – NORTHERN RESERVES DO NOT RECEIVE THEIR SHARE OF CANADIAN GENEROSITY**

Sault Star – July 22 (Gene Monin Opinion)

Matthew Coon Come fought for 40 years to share in their land development and won a healthy portion of the revenue flow and the right to self-government. “We make decisions, not Ottawa, our own school and health boards, we welcome mining companies, and own Cree construction companies and airlines. New schools and housing are a sign of prosperity and hope.” Instead of cash payouts, they fought for a steady revenue stream. They are an example for other reserves to follow when mining and development companies come knocking such as the Ring of Fire.

<https://www.saultstar.com/opinion/columnists/we-are-still-two-solitudes>

### **ONTARIO IMPROVING INTERNET AND CELL PHONE SERVICE IN RURAL AND REMOTE COMMUNITIES**

Ontario Newsroom – July 23

Joined by Laurie Scott, Minister of Infrastructure; Ernie Hardeman, Minister of Agriculture; and Monte McNaughton, Member of Provincial Parliament for Lambton—Kent—Middlesex and Minister of Labour, Ford announced the province's first-ever, \$315 million plan to improve and expand service to help people stay connected, and open Ontario for business and jobs. The plan includes a \$150 million commitment for a new broadband fund, which will leverage private sector funding along with support from other levels of government, to drive investment and expansion to unserved and underserved communities. Ontario's plan is expected to generate up to \$1 billion in total investment over five years, resulting in new connections for up to 220,000 homes and businesses. This will lead to community, social and economic benefits well beyond the provincial investment.

[https://news.ontario.ca/opo/en/2019/07/ontario-improving-internet-and-cell-phone-service-in-rural-and-remote-communities.html?utm\\_source=ondemand&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=p](https://news.ontario.ca/opo/en/2019/07/ontario-improving-internet-and-cell-phone-service-in-rural-and-remote-communities.html?utm_source=ondemand&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=p)

### **FEDS WANT YOUR TWO CENTS ON RING OF FIRE ROAD**

Northern Ontario Business – July 24

The Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (CEAA) wants feedback on whether a federal environmental assessment is warranted for a supply road into the Ring of Fire exploration camp. The agency is looking for comments from the public and Indigenous groups on the possible environmental impacts of the Webequie Supply Road project. It’s a proposed 107-kilometre permanent industrial road between Webequie First Nation and the area around McFaulds Lake, the latter better known as the Ring of Fire, 535 kilometres northeast of Thunder Bay. The proposed corridor dead-ends at the site of Noront Resources’ future Eagle’s Nest nickel mine.

<https://www.northernontariobusiness.com/regional-news/far-north-ring-of-fire/feds-want-your-two-cents-on-ring-of-fire-road-1600595>