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LOBBY WRAP

iPolitics – July 8

Noront Resources signed Andrew Steele of StrategyCorp to help First Nation communities get funding to build a road into the Ring of Fire mining area in northern Ontario.

<https://ipolitics.ca/2019/07/08/lobby-wrap-group-seeks-funding-for-educational-non-binary-dolls/>

SINGH SETS OUT PLAN FOR CANADIAN CONTENT REGULATIONS TO PROTECT JOBS

TB Newswatch – July 30

When it comes to other employment sectors in the north, Singh said the NDP will continue to support the resource sector, including the Ring of Fire. “What we need to do with resource sector jobs is support the development of opportunities we have,” he said. “We have long hard talks about the Ring of Fire. There haven’t been any investments in any of that. That is something the federal government has got to play a role in. It has to step up and be a part of that.”

<https://www.tbnewswatch.com/local-news/singh-sets-out-plan-for-canadian-content-regulations-to-protect-jobs-1614554>

REMEMBER THAT PLANT SUDBURY LOST? AVERAGE SALARY TO BE \$108,000 YEAR

Sudbury Star – July 30

The ferrochrome plant that Sudbury lost in a bidding war to Sault Ste. Marie will pay twice the average Canadian wage when it becomes a reality. The average wage for a Noront Resource employee will be about \$108,000, about double Canada’s average wage of \$52,000. That comes from Stephen Flewelling, Noront’s chief development officer during a chamber of commerce meeting in the Sault. Flewelling praised ‘Made in Canada’ opportunities and especially those that the Ring of Fire presents.

<https://www.thesudburystar.com/news/local-news/remember-that-sudbury-plant-lost-average-salary-to-be-108000-year>

MOBILE TRAINING CLASSROOM READY TO HIT THE ROAD

TBNewswatch – Aug 7

LiUNA Local 607 unveiled its new mobile training classroom on Tuesday. The unit can offer classroom training to 16 students at a time and will be travelling to communities and job sites across Northern Ontario. “We can bring training to the job sites. Even the Ring of Fire would be in our jurisdiction. It is a good unit to have right now and I think we will be the leaders in training moving into the future when all these big projects start up.”

<https://www.tbnewswatch.com/local-news/mobile-training-classroom-ready-to-hit-the-road-5-photos-1626225>

FEDS SEEKING COMMENTS ON NORTH-SOUTH RING OF FIRE ROAD

Northern Ontario Business – Aug 9

The federal government is inviting public comments on the proposed first leg of a permanent north-south access road to the Ring of Fire. Posted on the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency’s (CEAA) website as the Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road, the public and Indigenous groups have until Aug. 29 to provide feedback on the road’s potential environmental impacts. It will inform the agency’s decision on whether to carry out a federal environmental assessment.

<https://www.northernontariobusiness.com/regional-news/far-north-ring-of-fire/feds-seeking-comments-on-north-south-ring-of-fire-road-1632896>

EAST-WEST RING OF FIRE ROAD COALITION ON THEIR WAY TO OTTAWA TO ADVANCE THEIR CASE OF EA DESIGNATION

Huff Strategy – Aug 18

Northwestern Ontario community leaders with the East-West Ring of Fire Road Coalition (East-West Coalition) now have a custom designed information kit (see attached) to advance the case for choosing an East-West route to access the Ring of Fire. It was designed to support outreach efforts at the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) Conference in Ottawa next week, August 18-21, and the Environmental Assessment (EA) request submitted in late July. The package includes a map of the proposed East-West route alignment, a mini-poster showing "10 reasons why the East-West road is the best" and "full text" copies of the EA designation request to Federal Minister McKenna and Provincial Minister Yurek.

<http://huffstrategy.com/MediaManager/release/Sioux-Lookout/18-8-19/East-West-Ring-of-Fire-Road-Coalition-on-their-way-to-Ottawa-to-a/3614.html>

RICKFORD TALKS RESOURCE REVENUE SHARING

Dryden Now – Aug 26

A resource revenue sharing agreement with Treaty 3 is set to go into effect this fall. By the spring provincial budget, Northern Development Minister Greg Rickford is expected to provide more detail on his plans for resource revenue sharing with municipalities, as well.

<https://www.drydennow.com/local/rickford-talks-resource-revenue-sharing-2>

ONTARIO GOVERNMENT ENDS RING OF FIRE REGIONAL AGREEMENT WITH MATAWA FIRST NATIONS

CBC News – Aug 27

The provincial government has officially ended the regional framework agreement between Queen's Park and the First Nations closest to the Ring of Fire, pledging to move forward with a series of bilateral agreements that the province's Indigenous Affairs minister says will remove delays to completing projects that communities themselves want to see. At the top of that list, Greg Rickford said in an interview with CBC News, is a north-south corridor that, not only could lead to road access to the mineral-rich James Bay lowlands, but can also connect by road, as well as add to the provincial power grid and expand modern telecommunications to, "at least four, five Indigenous communities." "That has additional health and social and economic benefits that move beyond the more obvious opportunities of creating mines," he said. "To the extent that Noront [Resources] or other mining companies could build mines on that corridor, then we have a great value proposition."

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/thunder-bay/regional-framework-ends-1.5261377>

STATEMENT FROM NORONT RESOURCES AND MARTEN FALLS FN ON PROVINCE OF ONT PLAN TO ADVANCE THE RING OF FIRE

Globe Newswire – Aug 27

Noront Resources and Marten Falls First Nation are pleased to jointly support today's announcement regarding development in the Ring of Fire, made by Minister of Energy, Northern Development and Mines, and Minister of Indigenous Affairs, Greg Rickford. Having the traditional land holders as proponents for the North-South road network environmental assessments is a bold step forward and will ensure the communities have enhanced participation in the permitting process. Work has already progressed to a point where baseline data has been collected, community consultation advanced and a project description has been prepared. Together, Noront and Marten Falls will continue to engage the additional First Nations communities that are committed to developing the Ring of Fire and its associated infrastructure. We look forward to working with the province on this key development.

<https://www.globenewswire.com/news-release/2019/08/27/1907361/0/en/Statement-From-Noront-Resources-and-Marten-Falls-First-Nation-on-Province-of-Ontario-Plan-to-Advance-the-Ring-of-Fire.html>

NORONT, ALGOMA STEEL DISCUSSING FERROCHROME PLANT TENANCY FEES

Northern Ontario Business – Aug 28

Regarding a timeline as to when construction of the Ring of Fire road could get underway, Rickford said, "the first phases of some of those environmental assessments finish up this winter." "We're hoping we can start construction in the spring. The signals we're getting from the Indigenous communities is 'It's time to build.'" "This is great news for the province, for the northern region, and certainly for Sault Ste. Marie and all First Nations that are a part of these negotiations," said Sault MPP Ross Romano. "This is about disentangling the web of bureaucracy that was created by the

previous framework and agreement and ensuring we take a common sense, pragmatic and practical approach to negotiating agreements moving forward so we can untap the vast economic potential that exists in the Ring of Fire."

<https://www.northernontariobusiness.com/regional-news/sault-ste-marie/noront-algoma-steel-discussing-ferrochrome-plant-tenancy-fees-1661308>

THE CANADIAN ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT AGENCY IS NOW THE IMPACT ASSESSMENT AGENCY OF CANADA

@IAAC_AEIC Twitter Page – Aug 28

https://www.canada.ca/en/impact-assessment-agency.html?utm_campaign=not-applicable&utm_medium=vanity-url&utm_source=canada-ca_iaac