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### **'YOU WILL SEE ME ON THAT BULLDOZER'**

The Daily Press – Sept 19

The development of the Ring of Fire remains a top priority for the Conservative government, says Premier Doug Ford. Ford was in Verner Tuesday attending the opening ceremonies at the International Plowing Match when he addressed questions from the media relating to everything from broadband service for Northern communities and education to autism and the Ring of Fire. "The Ring of Fire is absolutely critical for our administration," Ford said. "You will see me on that bulldozer. It's one of our highest priorities for the government and the province."

<https://www.timminspress.com/news/local-news/you-will-see-me-on-that-bulldozer>

### **NORONT, HATCH AND ALGOMA STEEL SIGN RING OF FIRE PACT**

International Mining – Sept 20

"Noront is partnering with two Ontario-based industrial and engineering giants to advance Ring of Fire development," said Alan Coutts, President and CEO of Noront Resources. "This is truly a 'made in Ontario' collaboration on one of the most economically and socially important projects our province has seen." The agreement with Algoma provides Noront with a five-year, renewable option to lease a brownfield property in Sault Ste. Marie for a period of 99 years. Noront plans to design, construct and operate a ferrochrome production facility which will service the company's Ring of Fire chromite deposits. This agreement provides Noront and Algoma with an opportunity to re-purpose an existing brownfield location with a view to sharing infrastructure, the exploration company said.

<https://im-mining.com/2019/09/20/noront-hatch-algoma-steel-sign-ring-fire-pact/>

### **RING OF FIRE PARTNERSHIP (VIDEO)**

CTV News – Sept 21

Three months ago, Sault Ste. Marie was announced as the host city for a ferrochrome smelter facility to process material from the ring of fire. Algoma Steel and Noront have officially become partners to build the smelter facility. The companies say Algoma is giving up part of its land in exchange for a stake in the mining company. "We have compensated Algoma with share issuances of Noront Resources to make them a partner," said Alan Coutts, Noront Resources.

<https://northernontario.ctvnews.ca/ring-of-fire-partnership-1.4603914>

### **HITTING THE RESET ON THE RING OF FIRE (VIDEO)**

TVO The Agenda – Sept 24

The economic promise behind the Ring of Fire has been the dreams of Ontario governments and northern Ontarians alike for over a decade. After millions of dollars have been invested into the mineral rich region, the PC government has now decided to eliminate a regional agreement with nine united First Nations, preferring to deal with them on a one-on-one basis. The Agenda discusses the status of the project.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L3L-pzga09Q&feature=youtu.be>

### **BASIC FACTS ABOUT THE RING OF FIRE INCLUDING FNS TRADITIONAL TERRITORIES BY STAN SUDOL**

Republic of Mining – Sept 25

This post was originally published last year. A lot has happened in the Ring of Fire since then so I thought I would repost with some updates and interesting links. Some of the most significant developments have been the cancellation of the March 26, 2014 Regional "Framework Agreement" and the election of a new Chief for Eabametoong. On June 17th of

this year, Harvey Yesno, former Grand Chief of the Nishnawbe Aski Nation was elected replacing former Chief Elizabeth Atlookan.

<https://republicofmining.com/2019/09/25/basic-facts-about-the-ring-of-fire-including-fns-traditional-territories-by-stan-sudol/>

### **MAYOR RESPONDS TO PHYSICIAN CONCERNS OVER FERROCHROME PRODUCTION FACILITY**

Soo Today – Sept 25

The following letter was submitted to SooToday by Sault Ste. Marie Mayor Christian Provenzano. It is in response to health and environmental concerns outlined in a letter from area physicians regarding the proposed ferrochrome production facility in Sault Ste. Marie. Said letter indicated that physicians may feel compelled to leave the Sault should the facility come to fruition.

<https://www.sootoday.com/letters-to-the-editor/mayor-responds-to-physician-concerns-over-ferrochrome-production-facility-1712700>

### **NPI SAYS NORTHERN ONTARIO'S FUTURE IS BRIGHT**

Sault Star – Sept 26

Northern Ontario's future is bright and promising, especially as young people boast about their passion for the North, said Charles Cirtwill, executive director of the Northern Policy Institute. Sault Ste. Marie is host to NPI's third annual State of the North Conference. While the Ring of Fire could be a big opportunity, he also believes it will take decades to get there, if it develops. "The Alberta oil sands took 60 years to develop and I don't expect the Ring of Fire to kick off tomorrow," Cirtwill said.

<https://www.saultstar.com/news/local-news/mpi-says-northern-ontarios-future-is-bright>

### **THUNDER BAY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE RECEIVES NATIONAL SUPPORT FOR BUSINESS CONCERNS**

Netnewsledger – Sept 27

Delegates for the Thunder Bay Chamber of Commerce have recently returned from successful meetings at the Canadian Chamber of Commerce (CCC) in Saint John, NB. The Thunder Bay Chamber delegates were successful in garnering national support for two local resolutions: highlighting the need for federal infrastructure investment in mining projects such as the Ring of Fire; and, proposing numerous changes to flight school requirements to assist in addressing Canada's pilot shortage.

<http://www.netnewsledger.com/2019/09/27/thunder-bay-chamber-of-commerce-receives-national-support-for-business-concerns/>

### **FERROCHROME FACILITY OPPONENTS PACK THE INN**

SooToday – Sept 28

A large group of environmentally concerned citizens, opposed to mining company Noront's plans to build a ferrochrome smelter in Sault Ste. Marie, packed a room at The Water Tower Inn Saturday to share their concerns and plan next steps in their campaign against the project. "How can we allow a ferrochrome facility in a city that has already been flagged as one of five cities in Ontario with the highest rates of cancer?" said Pedro Antunes, an Algoma University biologist, addressing the audience.

<https://www.sootoday.com/local-news/ferrochrome-facility-opponents-pack-the-inn-5-photos-1719379>

### **NORONT SECURES SITES FOR FERROCHROME PLANT TO SERVICE RING OF FIRE DEPOSITS**

Mining Weekly – Sept 30

TSX-V-listed Noront Resources has secured a property in Sault Ste Marie, Ontario, to build and operate a ferrochrome production facility to service its chromite deposits in the emerging metals camp known as the Ring of Fire. The company this month entered into a five-year option agreement to enter into a 99-year lease for a parcel of land next to primary steel producer Algoma Steel's mill.

[https://www.miningweekly.com/article/noront-secures-site-for-ferrochrome-plant-to-service-ring-of-fire-deposits-2019-09-30/rep\\_id:3650](https://www.miningweekly.com/article/noront-secures-site-for-ferrochrome-plant-to-service-ring-of-fire-deposits-2019-09-30/rep_id:3650)