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PITTING COMMUNITIES AGAINST EACH OTHER WON'T WORK IN THE RING OF FIRE: HORWATH

TB Newswatch – Aug 29

“It’s a duty and you can’t simply get on a bulldozer and drive on into the Ring of Fire and create a chaotic situation. It’s just not the way things are supposed to happen and I’m very, very troubled that this government doesn’t seem to understand its treaty obligations and duties and doesn’t seem to respect its obligation of engaging First Nations communities,” Horwath said on Thursday, wrapping up three days of NDP caucus meetings in Thunder Bay. “The last thing I want to see is a government that pits one community against another, that creates a divide-and-conquer kind of scenario. That’s the last thing we need.”

<https://www.tbnewswatch.com/local-news/pitting-communities-against-each-other-wont-work-in-the-ring-of-fire-horwath-1665379>

WHY IT'S TIME TO COOL THE HYPE ABOUT THE RING OF FIRE

Globe and Mail (Editorial) – Aug 29

It is reasonable for the Ford government to consider ditching the failed strategy of its Liberal predecessors, but a deal that is embraced by some First Nations and not others could be a problem. The remote geography of the Ring of Fire, and its alluring but uncertain economic potential, suggests any financial bonanza is a long way off.

<https://www.theglobeandmail.com/opinion/editorials/article-why-its-time-to-cool-the-hype-about-the-ring-of-fire/>

RING OF FIRE NEGOTIATION MODEL HAS FAILED

Chronicle Journal – Sept 1 (Editorial)

Sooner or later, someone has to pull the plug on a hopeless process. That successive Ontario governments have done just that, and either entered into agreements with willing partners or helped them to deal directly with mining companies anxious to include them in the spoils, suggests it is the right approach.

First Nations interests must be protected but so must their opportunities.

http://www.chroniclejournal.com/opinion/columns/ring-of-fire-negotiation-model-has-failed/article_094d6ee2-ccf0-11e9-8d58-9b221cb229d5.html#utm_campaign=blox&utm_source=facebook&utm_medium=social

NORONT ISSUES SHARES TO MARTEN FALLS AND AROLAND FIRST NATIONS, EXTENDS WARRANTS AND ISSUES INTEREST SHARES

Nasdaq – Sept 3

Noront Resources Ltd. ("Noront" or the "Company") announces the issuance of 300,000 shares to Marten Falls First Nation and 150,000 shares to Aroland First Nation. The share issuance was under the terms of a Project Advancement Agreement with Marten Falls First Nation originally entered into by the Company on April 12th, 2017 and as amended on July 9th, 2019 and under the terms of a Memorandum of Understanding with Aroland First Nation entered into by the Company on June 6, 2019. The shares were delivered on August 20th, 2019 are subject to a four-month holding period, expiring on December 21, 2019.

<https://www.nasdaq.com/press-release/noront-issues-shares-to-marten-falls-and-aroland-first-nations-extends-warrants-and-issues-interests-20190903-00455>

THE TORIES ARE DISSOLVING THE RING OF FIRE AGREEMENT – SO WHAT COMES NEXT?

TVO – Sept 3

And, Yesno explains, the nine First Nations that make up Matawa — five of which are fly-in communities — have different needs and priorities and so would not be affected in the same way by the resource project. “I’ve been around the block a few times. There was a time I really got into regional and national [politics], but I’m focused on my First

Nation, and I've said that: Eabametoong first," he says. "I think it was proven that we're not actually walking our talk in terms of if there's an economic opportunity outside of the Ring of Fire, the same approach was not taking place. All nine are only interested in the Ring of Fire development, but if it's in my backyard, it's a different approach."

<https://www.tvonews.com/article/the-tories-are-dissolving-the-ring-of-fire-agreement-so-what-comes-next>

'TRUE PARTNERSHIPS' FORMING ALONG RING OF FIRE ROUTE

My Northbay Now – Sept 4

"We have now announced that we are looking at each First Nations independently and making bilateral deals with each of them," Nipissing MPP Vic Fedeli stated. "I think it is a very exciting opportunity for having many of the First Nations along the proposed route of the Ring of Fire transportation corridor involved in the environmental assessment." The First Nations in Webequie, who are the closest to the Ring of Fire, has already started getting down to business. They have started their environmental assessment between themselves and Camp Esker which is the Ring of Fire site.

<https://www.mynorthbaynow.com/47557/true-partnerships-forming-along-ring-of-fire-route/>