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FIRST NATION TAKES THE LEAD ON RING OF FIRE SUPPLY ROAD

Northern Ontario Business – Oct 9

Webequie First Nation, the closest fly-in community to the James Bay mineral belt, is hosting a series of public information sessions in Thunder Bay this week to share information with the public about the road project and to gather feedback. It's part of the early stages of a larger environmental assessment (EA) process that's underway for a planned 107-kilometre all-season road between the Webequie Airport and the area around McFaulds Lake, better known as the Ring of Fire, 535 kilometres northeast of Thunder Bay.

<https://www.northernontariobusiness.com/industry-news/mining/first-nation-takes-the-lead-on-the-supply-road-to-the-ring-of-fire-1740295>

WOOD PULP, STEEL CABLES: SCIENTISTS STUDY HOW TO MAKE ICE ROADS LAST LONGER

National Post – Oct 13

A study of the winter road that leads from Yellowknife to the diamond mines of the Central Arctic predicts it will be unable to carry any heavy loads by the end of the century. "If such a projection were to become reality, the (Tibbett-Contwoyto Road) and other winter roads in the region would no longer be viable to support the natural resource industry in northern Canada," the study says.

<https://nationalpost.com/news/canada/wood-pulp-steel-cables-scientists-study-how-to-make-ice-roads-last-longer>

PROVINCE, FIRST NATIONS RETURNING TO COURT

North Bay Nugget – Oct 13

Now that the province has failed to re-open a historic legal case, the second phase of a lawsuit filed by Robinson-Huron Treaty First Nations is set to begin Tuesday in Sudbury. The hearings will help sort out how much and who pays annuities owed to the First Nations under the 1850 treaty. Nine days of court time are booked. The lengthy first phase of the trial was completed in Greater Sudbury in June 2018, with Superior Court Justice Patricia Hennessy reserving her decision.

<https://www.nugget.ca/news/local-news/province-first-nations-returning-to-court>

ONTARIO LAUNCHES UNSOLICITED INFRASTRUCTURE PROPOSALS FRAMEWORK

Ontario Newsroom – Oct 15

The Ontario government is launching a new framework for receiving and evaluating infrastructure proposals from the private sector. Unsolicited proposals (USP) are proposals to the government that were not requested through an existing procurement. This marks the first time there has been a formal process for submitting USPs to the Ontario government. Through this new approach, private-sector ideas with the potential to improve public infrastructure and related services will be considered using a consistent and fair process.

https://news.ontario.ca/moi/en/2019/10/ontario-launches-unsolicited-infrastructure-proposals-framework.html?utm_source=ondemand&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=p

NORONT ANNOUNCES TIME AND PLACE OF FIRST FERROCHROME OPEN HOUSE

Soo Today – Oct 15

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https://www.sootoday.com/local-news/noront-announces-time-and-place-for-first-ferrochrome-open-house-1749806?utm_source=dldr.it&utm_medium=twitter

NORONT ANNOUNCES TIME AND PLACE FOR FIRST FERROCHROME OPEN HOUSE

SooToday – Oct 16

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<https://www.sootoday.com/local-news/noront-announces-time-and-place-for-first-ferrochrome-open-house-1749806>

SAULT STE. MARIE CANDIDATES SPAR OVER STEEL INDUSTRY, DOUG FORD

CBC News – Oct 17

Riding has flipped between Liberals, NDP and Conservatives over the years

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/sudbury/sault-ste-marie-federal-election-debate-1.5323191>

RING OF FIRE DEVELOPER FACES TIDE OF OPPOSITION TO SAULT FERROCHROME PLANT

Northern Ontario Business – Oct 17

Five months after the Steel City was selected as the home of Noront's proposed \$1-billion processing plant, opposition began to swell after a group of physicians released a letter to local politicians suggesting there could be an exodus of medical professionals from the community if the furnace were to become reality. Within days, university academics, environmentalists, and concerned citizens gathered in a hotel ballroom to question whether the promise of 300 to 500 plant jobs was worth the risk of public exposure to hexavalent chromium – chromium-6 – a waste byproduct of ferrochrome production and a known carcinogen. By early October, an online anti-ferrochrome plant petition had surpassed 8,600 names. "It's a concern, as a physician, that we're putting that in the midst of our city," said Dr. Robert Suppes, an emergency room physician at Sault Area Hospital, who helped draft the letter.

<https://www.northernontariobusiness.com/industry-news/mining/ring-of-fire-developer-faces-tide-of-opposition-to-sault-ferrochrome-plant-1751243>

LIVESTREAM OF MATAWA BROADBAND ANNOUNCEMENT

Periscope – Oct 18

<https://www.pscp.tv/Fordnation/1MnxnEyXXWdJO>

TIMMINS FEELS DOOR STILL OPEN FOR FERROCHROME PLANT

Timmins Press – Oct 28

Mayor George Pirie remains confident Timmins will ultimately be the location of the ferrochrome processing facility which Noront Resources awarded to Sault Ste. Marie earlier this year. "I still have the same opinion (as he had in May when Noront made it announcement) we're going to get it," said Pirie, shortly before Friday's start of the annual general meeting of the Timmins Economic Development Corporation." It won't get built in Sault Ste. Marie.

<https://www.timminspress.com/news/local-news/timmings-feels-door-still-open-for-ferrochrome-plant>