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### **QUEBEC'S NEW MINING CONSULTATION POLICY AIMS TO INVOLVE, RESPECT INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES**

CTV News – Oct 22

The Quebec government announced Tuesday it will establish a new mining consultation policy, which aims to respect local Indigenous communities in the development of mineral resources. The program aims to involve 11 First Nations communities at each stage of a project's development. They will be invited to express their concerns and propose accommodation measures and solutions. A committee will also be established to specifically oversee the mining sector.

<https://montreal.ctvnews.ca/quebec-s-new-mining-consultation-policy-aims-to-involve-respect-indigenous-communities-1.4649906>

### **NORONT STILL COMMITTED TO SAULT FERROCHROME PLANT**

Soo Today – Oct 23

After more than five hours of consultations with sometimes-hostile Saultites, Noront Resources Ltd. says it still prefers Sault Ste. Marie as the future site of its billion-dollar ferrochrome facility. Hundreds of locals showed up at the company's first open house Wednesday for its proposed ferrochrome processing facility. Last week, Timmins Mayor George Pirie predicted his city will end up as home to the controversial smelter. "We're flattered that the mayor of Timmins is still interested in our business," Alan Coutts, Noront's president and chief executive officer, said near the end of the consultation at the Delta Hotels Sault Ste. Marie Waterfront.

<https://www.sootoday.com/local-news/noront-still-committed-to-sault-ferrochrome-plant-6-photos-1766173>

### **THE ROAD TO NOWHERE: CLAIMS ONTARIO'S RING OF FIRE IS WORTH \$60-BILLION ARE NONSENSE**

Globe and Mail – Oct 25

Ontario Premier Doug Ford has talking points he's fond of repeating – over and over again – and one of his favourites is a pledge to build a billion-dollar road to a boggy, remote region of Northern Ontario known as the Ring of Fire.

<https://www.theglobeandmail.com/business/article-the-road-to-nowhere-why-everything-youve-heard-about-the-ring-of/>

### **NORONT RESOURCES ANNOUNCES ISSUANCE OF INTEREST SHARES**

NetnewsLedger – Oct 28

Noront Resources Ltd. announces that payment of interest in the amount of \$396,732 for the third quarter of 2019 pursuant to a loan agreement entered into between Noront and Resource Capital Funds V L.P. ("RCF") dated February 26, 2013 has been satisfied by delivery of 1,640,744 common shares of the Company (at an effective price of \$0.2418 per Interest Share. The Interest Shares were delivered on October 10, 2019 subject to a four-month hold period, expiring on February 11, 2020.

[www.netnewsledger.com/2019/10/28/noront-resources-announces-issuance-of-interest-shares/](http://www.netnewsledger.com/2019/10/28/noront-resources-announces-issuance-of-interest-shares/)

### **NORONT ANNOUNCES NON-BROKERED PRIVATE PLACEMENT OF UP TO C\$2.5 MILLION**

NetnewsLedger – Oct 28

Noront Resources Ltd. is pleased to announce a non-brokered private placement of any combination of units of the Company at a price of C\$0.20 per Unit and flow-through shares of the Company at a price of C\$0.25 per FT Share for gross proceeds of up to approximately C\$2,500,000 (the "Private Placement").

<http://www.netnewsledger.com/2019/10/28/noront-announces-non-brokered-private-placement-of-up-to-c2-5-million/>

## **FUNDING SECURED FOR PROJECT CONNECTING FIRST NATIONS TO PROVINCIAL POWER**

Ottawa Citizen – Oct 29

A utility tasked with connecting more than a dozen Indigenous communities to Ontario's power grid says funding is now in place for the project. Wataynikaneyap Power says it has completed financing for the project, estimated to cost \$1.9 billion. The Wataynikaneyap Power Transmission Project aims to connect 17 remote communities currently relying on diesel power to the province's electricity grid. Last December, Pikangikum First Nation became the first community to receive power from the new transmission lines.

<https://ottawacitizen.com/pmnl/news-pmn/canada-news-pmn/funding-secured-for-project-connecting-first-nations-to-provincial-power/wcm/fbbe4300-80c4-4d03-8a1b-7d535be9691c>

## **STATEMENT FROM MINISTER RICKFORD ON THE MINING WORKING GROUP AND MEET THE MINERS DAY AT QUEEN'S PARK**

Ontario Newsroom – Oct 29

That's why our government is committed to improving the competitiveness of Ontario's mining industry, reducing red tape and, by doing so, creating jobs and prosperity for people across this province. To support this goal, we created an expert Mining Working Group earlier this year, made up of accomplished leaders from mining and exploration companies, prospectors and Indigenous business organizations. Today, members of the working group met at Queen's Park to discuss ways to reduce red tape and attract major new investments. I am encouraged by our discussions so far and look forward to our continued collaboration. Through the proposed *Better For People, Smarter For Business Act, 2019*, which our government announced yesterday, we are proposing changes to the Mining Act that will help speed up approvals, reduce confusion and create more business certainty.

[https://news.ontario.ca/mndmf/en/2019/10/statement-from-minister-rickford-on-the-mining-working-group-and-meet-the-miners-day-at-queens-park.html?utm\\_source=ondemand&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=p](https://news.ontario.ca/mndmf/en/2019/10/statement-from-minister-rickford-on-the-mining-working-group-and-meet-the-miners-day-at-queens-park.html?utm_source=ondemand&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=p)

## **LEGAL PLAYING FIELD TILTED AGAINST FIRST NATIONS IN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT BATTLES, SAYS NEW REPORT**

CBC News – Oct 29

Canada's legal landscape continues to be heavily in favour of corporations when it comes to court injunctions during conflicts with First Nations over resource development, according to a report released Tuesday by an Indigenous-led think-tank. The report by the Yellowhead Institute, based out of Ryerson University in Toronto, says corporations are vastly more successful than First Nations in obtaining injunctions. The report ([attached](#)), called Land Back: a Yellowhead Institute Red Paper, delves into the ongoing struggle between Canada and First Nations over lands and resources.

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/indigenous/yellowhead-institute-report-resource-injunctions-1.5338902>