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SMALL REACTORS COULD ENERGIZE REMOTE COMMUNITIES

Kenora Online – Dec 2

Remote and rural communities in the district -- along with mining companies -- could benefit from some innovative new technology. Ontario Premier Doug Ford shared the news in a joint announcement with his counterparts from Saskatchewan and New Brunswick in Toronto yesterday. "This technology could bring great benefit to the people of our provinces and our country. Small modular reactors could generate clean, cost-effective and reliable energy for both on-grid and off-grid generation, helping our role in remote communities, as well as sectors like mining," said the premier.

<https://www.kenoraonline.com/local/small-reactors-could-energize-rural-remote-communities>

NORONT ANNOUNCES ISSUANCE OF SHARES

Junior Mining Network – Dec 3

Noront is announcing that it has issued 200,000 units at an issue price of \$0.20 per unit in satisfaction of consulting fees.

<https://www.juniorminingnetwork.com/junior-miner-news/press-releases/1040-tsx-venture/not/70385-noront-announces-issuance-of-shares.html>

LIBERAL LEADER CANDIDATE ADMITS LAUNCHING RING OF FIRE NOT AN EASY THING TO DO

My Northbay Now – Dec 8

There's a frank admission from Steven Del Duca, the Ontario Liberal leadership candidate over the Ring of Fire project. Del Duca says as the Liberals learned during their years in power, it was very difficult to deliver on the huge chromite discovery. And the former Liberal MPP says it's no different with the Ford Progressive Conservative government. We have to level with people and say it's there but it's going to take this much time and we have to have agreements in place with the First Nations and we need this much money from the Federal government. We need to recognize it's hard work and can't pretend there are any shortcuts."

https://www.mynorthbaynow.com/50302/liberal-leader-candidate-admits-launching-ring-of-fire-not-an-easy-thing-to-do/?fbclid=IwAR3Usi-2heHAOv3DRgN_fPOaG4aN1aSVOb0SzRKp3yd7tzNx0IjeSXp0tK0

NORTHERN ONT. SNUBBED IN THRONE SPEECH: TORIES

Sudbury Star – Dec 9

Conservative members say the Trudeau government overlooked the North in its recent speech from the throne.

"Northern Ontario has been completely abandoned by the Liberal government," said Cheryl Gallant, MP for Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke and shadow minister for Northern Ontario Economic Development, in a release. "With not a single mention of helping those who work in the forestry or mining industries, nor a focus on rural economic development, this government continues to leave Northern Ontario and its workers behind." The Ring of Fire holds vast potential but "remains dormant," said Gallant. "Instead of igniting the Ring of Fire, the throne speech has left Northern Ontario out in the cold."

<https://www.thesudburystar.com/news/local-news/northern-ont-snubbed-in-throne-speech-tories>

MUNICIPAL SHARE OF RESOURCE REVENUE SHARING COMING, RICKFORD

Kenora Online – Dec 9

Northern Development Minister Greg Rickford is hoping to begin consultations in the New Year, so the province can offer resource revenue sharing to municipalities, as well as First Nations. "We hope to be in a position through a more formal consultation within the next year that will have a resource revenue sharing program for all of the municipalities and Indigenous communities currently not under a resource revenue sharing agreement," said the minister. The province is expected to distribute \$20 million to \$30 million a year through resource revenue sharing for mining, forestry, aggregates and possibly other sources.

<https://www.kenoraonline.com/local/municipal-share-of-resource-revenue-coming-rickford#.Xe5Y7Blpw28.facebook>

ONTARIO LEGISLATURE PASSES THE BETTER FOR PEOPLE, SMARTER FOR BUSINESS ACT

Ontario Newsroom – Dec 10

Today, the Ontario Legislature officially passed the Better for People, Smarter for Business Act, 2019. The Act is part of the government's signature package to address red tape and modernize regulations to make life easier for people and business.

https://news.ontario.ca/medg/en/2019/12/ontario-legislature-passes-the-better-for-people-smarter-for-business-act.html?utm_source=ondemand&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=p

HOW WILL OTTAWA PAY FOR THE DEMANDS COMING FROM PROVINCES AND OPPOSITION PARTIES?

Toronto Star – Dec 13

Since the election results rolled in on Oct. 22, Alberta and Saskatchewan have been strident in their request for billions of dollars in federal money to help them deal with the fallout of plunging oil and gas investment and relatively high unemployment over the past five years. Ontario has just issued a request for more transit money and wants almost a billion dollars to develop the Ring of Fire chromite resource in northern Ontario. Clearly, despite all the talk of collaboration and frequent words of accommodation, the federal government will have a very tough time doing all of those things while sticking to its renewed fiscal target — unless it finds a way to boost growth and revenues.

<https://www.thestar.com/politics/political-opinion/2019/12/13/how-will-ottawa-pay-for-the-demands-coming-from-provinces-and-opposition-parties.html>