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## **CERTAINTY FROM FIRST NATIONS IS THE KEY TO THE EMERGING NORTHERN ECONOMY: MATAWA FIRST NATIONS TO THE ONTARIO GOVERNMENT'S STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS**

Republic of Mining – Jan 21

The presentation was made by Chief Harvey Yesno of Eabametoong First Nation, and Chief Cornelius Wabasse of Webequie First Nation on behalf of the Matawa Chiefs Council. The pre-budget submission included these main points: The true potential of the development of the North of Ontario may perhaps be in the trillions of dollars and must be considered in its full potential for wealth creation and revenue generation that will benefit First Nations, government and industry as a whole; The development of the north will be multi-generational and international in scope; Certainty from First Nations is the key to the emerging northern economy.

<https://republicofmining.com/2020/01/21/news-release-certainty-from-first-nations-is-the-key-to-the-emerging-northern-economy-matawa-first-nations-to-the-ontario-governments-standing-committee-on-finance-and-economic-affairs-jan/>

## **'RING' LEADERS TAKE HOLISTIC APPROACH TO FAR NORTH DEVELOPMENT**

Northern Ontario Business – Jan 22

Two senior leaders from Webequie First Nation said they are not opposed to development in the Ring of Fire but environmental stewardship and the well-being of their community very much remain their priorities. Roy Spence and Gordon Wabasse participated in a panel discussion on the Webequie Supply Road during the Procurement Employment Partnerships (PEP) Conference and Trade Show, staged by the Greater Sudbury Chamber of Commerce on Jan. 21. The two are project team leaders on the proposed 110-kilometre road to the mining development area in the James Bay region. "The overall objective of the community is always creating the right socioeconomy – a healthy, vibrant economy," said Wabasse.

<https://www.northernontariobusiness.com/regional-news/far-north-ring-of-fire/ring-leaders-take-holistic-approach-to-far-north-development-2038382>

## **PC MPP DAVE SMITH ON RING OF FIRE/SSM FERROCHROME SMELTER**

CTV Northern Ontario NEWS – Jan 22 (Video – Starting at 1:23)

<https://northernontario.ctvnews.ca/video?clipId=1882825>

## **FIRST NATIONS TO GET SHARE OF ROYALTIES FROM BLACKWATER GOLD MINE**

Prince George Citizen – Jan 22

Two Indigenous communities in central B.C. will receive shares of provincial mineral tax revenue collected from the planned Blackwater Gold Mine project south of Vanderhoof. Under benefit agreements reached with the provincial government, the Lhoosk'uz Dené Nation and Ulkatcho First Nation could reap as much as \$217 million over the life of the mine, with the revenue shared equally between the two.

<https://www.princegeorgecitizen.com/news/local-news/first-nations-to-get-share-of-royalties-from-blackwater-gold-mine-1.24058756>

## **MINING MINISTER COMING TO TOWN TO TALK ABOUT THE INDUSTRY**

Timmins Today – Jan 23

Monday, Jan. 27, Minister of Energy, Northern Development and Mines Greg Rickford is in town for the State of Mining. The Timmins Chamber of Commerce event is being held at Cedar Meadows Resort. "Min. Rickford will be joining members of the Chamber to highlight key projects in the area, undoubtedly the Ring of Fire and its status, to provide some insight on what his Government plans to do to move projects forward in a timely manner," said Timmins Chamber president Val Venneri.

<https://www.timminstoday.com/local-news/mining-minister-coming-to-town-to-talk-about-the-industry-2040573>

## **MINING WATCHDOG EXPECTED TO HAVE A FEW CHOICE WORDS TO SAY ABOUT FERROCHROME SMELTERS**

Northern Ontario Business – Jan 23

MiningWatch co-founder Joan Kuyek will be delivering a primer to Sault Ste. Marie residents on the “true social and economic costs” of the mining industry in Northern Ontario. The Ring of Fire is a particular focus of the author, lecturer and activist during her upcoming Jan. 30 appearance at Algoma’s Water Tower Inn entitled: Will the Ring of Fire Bring Prosperity to the North? It’s also expected she’ll have a thing or two to say about Noront Resource’s proposed \$1-billion ferrochrome smelter, slated for the city’s west end within the next decade.

<https://www.northernontariobusiness.com/industry-news/mining/mining-watchdog-expected-to-have-a-few-choice-words-to-say-about-ferrochrome-smelters-2042273>

## **INDIGENOUS PARTICIPATION IN RENEWABLES AND THE FOUR DIRECTIONS OF SUSTAINABILITY**

Corporate Knights – Jan 23 (JP Gladu Opinion)

As more renewable projects move ahead, there are four key aspects to meaningful Indigenous participation in infrastructure or energy projects, or “four directions of sustainability,” to keep in mind. They mirror the four quadrants of the Medicine Wheel and they benefit everyone involved, from project inception to development and eventual decommissioning. They are: (1) Community Buy-In (2) Community Procurement (3) Business Acumen Development and (4) Community Investment.

<https://www.corporateknights.com/channels/leadership/indigenous-participation-renewables-four-directions-sustainability-15797747/>