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FIBRE OPTIC INTERNET EXPECTED TO CHANGE LIFE IN FORT ALBANY, KASHECHEWAN AND ATTAWAPISKAT

CBC – Oct 30

There is a \$4.7 million project underway to run fibre optic cable to every home in Kashechewan, Fort Albany and Attawapiskat. It was delayed this year by COVID restrictions, but is expected to be complete next summer, with the network getting switched on in December 2021.

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/sudbury/james-bay-coast-internet-fibre-optic-network-1.5781403>

EABAMETOONG CHIEF CONCERNED ABOUT HYDROCARBON SPILL AFTER VEHICLE CAPSIZES IN LAKE NEAR THE FIRST NATION

CBC Thunder Bay – Nov 11

After an amphibious vehicle capsized on a lake just upstream from Eabametoong First Nation last week, the community's chief is raising alarm about the possibility of a hydrocarbon spill and about the way the incident is being handled. Eabametoong Chief Harvey Yesno called the response to the incident "gross negligence" and "environmental racism on First Nation lands." The amphibious vehicle — operated by telecommunications company Rohl Enterprises — was working to install a fibre-optic cable network on Nov. 5 when it flipped in Opikeigen Lake. The lake is about 25 kilometres northwest of Eabametoong, and flows into Eabamet Lake, on which the First Nation is located.

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/thunder-bay/eabametoong-vehicle-capsize-opikeigen-lake-1.5798519>

INDIGENOUS GROUPS RECEIVE FUNDING FOR 'NATION REBUILDING' EFFORTS

Timmins Today – Nov 12

This fiscal year, 10 Indigenous groups in Ontario have received just over \$4 million through the federal Nation Rebuilding Program. The groups that received funding are Nishnawbe Aski Nation, Mushkegowuk Council, Wabun Tribal Council, Algonquins of Ontario, Grand Council Treaty #3, Independent First Nations Alliance, Matawa First Nations Management, Mississauga Nation, Ontario Treaty 5 and Robinson Huron Waawiidaamaagewin.

<https://www.timminstoday.com/local-news/indigenous-groups-receive-funding-for-nation-rebuilding-efforts-2870167>

REGIONAL ASSESSMENT IN THE RING OF FIRE AREA - UPCOMING ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES AND PARTICIPANT FUNDING AVAILABLE

Cision – Nov 12

The Impact Assessment Agency of Canada (the Agency) is inviting the public, Indigenous communities, and organizations to provide input to support the planning of the Regional Assessment in the Ring of Fire Area. Participants may provide their input to the Agency in either official language until January 21, 2021.

<https://www.newswire.ca/news-releases/regional-assessment-in-the-ring-of-fire-area-upcoming-engagement-activities-and-participant-funding-available-876025763.html>

OTTAWA WANTS YOU TO WADE IN ON THE RING OF FIRE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

Northern Ontario Business – Nov 12

They want stakeholder input on what should be the particular areas of focus in the assessment of the mineral-rich region slated for mine development as early as 2025. The terms of reference set out the parameters and the general work plan for the agency, or possibly an appointed committee, for how the assessment will be done. The resulting document will outline the study area, the various factors to be considered, along with the study timelines and other pertinent details.

<https://www.northernontariobusiness.com/regional-news/far-north-ring-of-fire/ottawa-wants-you-to-wade-in-on-the-ring-of-fire-environmental-assessment-2874497>