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[Lakehead geologists developing exploration models for mining industry – Norther Ontario Business](#)

March 22 – Lakehead University’s department of geology has received \$2 million in provincial funding to develop a new model for mineral exploration in Northern Ontario. This research will study the geological processes leading to the formation of valuable mineral deposits. It will develop novel models for industry partners to seek new deposits that will be developed into mines. The research work is focused on nickel-copper-platinum and gold.

[Canada leads on critical minerals while the U.S. falters \(Opinion\) – Nebraska Examiner](#)

March 22 – To reduce reliance on mineral imports from China — and to provide the West with a new, secure and reliable supplier — Canadian authorities say they plan to slash the time it will take to obtain permits to extract and process six battery metals — lithium, nickel, cobalt, graphite, copper and rare earth elements. Instead of a regulatory and permitting process that takes 12 to 15 years, the plan is to reduce it to five.

[Indigenous consultation is key to the Ring of Fire becoming Canada’s economic superpower – The Conversation](#)

March 20 – Our study reveals that if an Indigenous group has signed a modern treaty, there is a reduced risk of conflict related to proposed resource developments since there’s less uncertainty surrounding land tenure rights. Given the fundamental importance of land to Indigenous Peoples, threats to these rights — perceived or real — represent an understandable source of grievance that can spark conflict.

[Ford government ignores vital exploration sector \(Opinion\) – Northern Ontario Business](#)

March 21 – With First Nations cooperation, the Ontario government needs to publicly publish clear and distinct maps on Indigenous traditional territories. There is a huge problem in the junior sector on which First Nations communities should be contacted when exploration activities are conducted due to overlapping claims. And this information must be communicated to the southern Ontario media, which has problems discerning which First Nations spokespersons represent which communities. Too often, the media quotes individuals who don’t come from the community impacted by an exploration issue giving southern viewers the false impression that all First Nations are not for responsible resource development.

[Wyloo Canada invests in nickel exploration as Aussie assets close – Northern Miner](#)

March 18 – Wyloo Metals Canada says its parent company’s decision to close operations in Western Australia and develop nickel assets in Ontario’s Ring of Fire, despite a 45% drop in nickel prices, helps meet its sustainability goals.

[Link to MPP George Pirie's tweet.](#)



**George Pirie**  
@GeorgePirieMPP

1/ I was honoured to speak about the historic Community Development Agreement we signed with Marten Falls First Nation & Webequie First Nation at #PDAC.

The agreement supports shovel-ready infrastructure projects that will improve the communities & prepare them for development.

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