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ROMANO ACCLAIMED CANDIDATE FOR JUNE 7 ELECTION

Sault Star – Nov 24

Ross Romano has been acclaimed the Progressive Conservative candidate for Sault Ste. Marie in next spring's provincial election. The election date is set for June 7. Romano, the city's current MPP who won last year's byelection, said he believes he's been in election mode since the last year's campaign. Romano said that his greatest time has been spent on the Ring of Fire issue, meeting multiple times with executive from Noront and brokering meetings between Noront and Algoma to rid of any potential concerns Noront may have about the CCAA process and establishing a lease agreement for the land if the Sault is selected as the preferred site for the ferrochrome facility. He anticipates that his advocacy work for the ferrochrome processing plant will continue into the next term if he is reelected.

<http://www.saultstar.com/2017/11/24/romano-acclaimed-candidate-for-june-7-election>

CAPE BRETON FIRST NATIONS PROTEST MINING ON KELLYS MOUNTAIN

CTV News – Nov 25

The Mining Association of Nova Scotia hopes to develop a quarry in the area of Kellys mountain in Cape Breton, but the Mi'kmaq say the land is sacred. Johnanna Padelt from the Inverness Chapter Council of Canada says it's not the first time the idea of mining or quarrying on Kelly's Mountain has been discussed. She was part of a group protesting against a company called Kelly Rock Ltd., in the late 1980's.

<http://atlantic.ctvnews.ca/mobile/cape-breton-first-nations-protest-mining-on-kellys-mountain-1.3694167>

CANADA'S BOREAL FOREST IS A THRIVING SOCIAL COMMUNITY THAT WORK TOGETHER

CBC News – Nov 26

Contrary to popular perception, trees don't live in isolation. The boreal forest is a vast botanical network that circles the entire northern hemisphere. And trees living there have a secret social life, with the forest community joining ranks to work together. Smart and resilient, they share resources, fight animal predators and even change the weather. New research emerging from Canada's boreal forest shows us that trees' influence reaches well beyond their world — and into ours.

<http://www.cbc.ca/natureofthings/m/features/canadas-boreal-forest-is-a-thriving-social-community-of-trees-that-work-tog>

REPORT ON DRILLING AT MCFAULDS NO. 8 VMS DISCOVERY AND CORPORATE UPDATE

Nasdaq – Nov 27

In October, together with the Chiefs of Marten Falls and Webequie First Nation, we hosted a site visit for the provincial Ministers of Northern Development and Mines, Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation, and Municipal Affairs and Housing. This provided an opportunity for the communities, government and industry to discuss development plans for the region and the ways industry and government would support local participation. In August, the province announced its support for two First Nation-led road proposals that would provide access to communities and the Ring of Fire. Since then, Noront has provided technical, engineering and environmental support to the lead communities which should help streamline the overall design and permitting process. An approved scope, design and approach along with specific plans are expected in the first quarter of 2018. In early November, we sent Request for Proposal (RFP) packages to the cities of (Greater) Sudbury, Timmins, Sault Ste. Marie and Thunder Bay (partnering with Fort William First Nation) which are the four northern Ontario communities that expressed an interest in hosting our Ferrochrome Processing Plant. Prior to issuing the RFP, we worked with each community on site selection, and pre-qualified them for the formal process by looking for a high level of community support, access to a skilled workforce and usable, existing physical infrastructure at a brownfield site. We will be looking for a compelling case in the formal submissions which will be accepted until February 2, 2018.

<http://www.globenewswire.com/news-release/2017/11/27/1206281/0/en/Report-on-Drilling-at-McFaulds-No-8-VMS-Discovery-and-Corporate-Update.html>

FOR MINING COMPANIES, HIRING INDIGENOUS WORKERS ‘ABOUT NATION-BUILDING’ PANEL HEARS

Yukon News – Nov 27

Mining companies in the Yukon can attract and maintain a First Nations labour force by employing “intelligent job design” to accommodate traditional values, says one expert. “Fly-in, fly-out camps are a difficult adjustment” for some First Nations workers, Campbell said. Companies need to understand these people will need time off during hunting and fishing seasons and “build that into the job design.” “You have to flip the paradigm around and not force-fit people into jobs that won’t work for them.... You have to make jobs fit the people, not people fit the jobs.” “First Nations want and need to define their lives through traditional values,” he said.

<https://www.yukon-news.com/business/for-mining-companies-hiring-indigenous-workers-about-nation-building-panel-hears/>



Picture from Twitter – KWG with FSDI of China Railway in Beijing – Nov 25, 2017



Picture from Twitter – KWG’s Silka Wu with David Murphy, Minister – Embassy of Canada in Beijing – Nov 25, 2017



Picture from Twitter – with Hon Michael Chan at 2017 Ontario Business Mission to China in Beijing – Nov 25, 2017