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ONTARIO FOSTERING INNOVATION AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT IN MINING SECTOR

Ontario Newsroom – Sept 5

Today, Vic Fedeli, Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade, on behalf of Greg Rickford, Minister of Energy, Northern Development and Mines, announced the Northern Centre for Advanced Technology (NORCAT) is receiving more than \$1.1 million in additional funding support to upgrade underground infrastructure and construct a permanent, above-ground building at its NORCAT Underground Centre.

<https://news.ontario.ca/mndmf/en/2019/09/ontario-fostering-innovation-and-skills-development-in-mining-sector.html>

ONTARIO TO WORK WITH FNS TO UNLOCK THE RING OF FIRE

The Northern Miner – Sept 11

Rick Gregford, Minister of Energy, Northern Development and Mines, and Minister of Indigenous Affairs, announced in August that the province would work directly with First Nation communities to develop infrastructure that unlocks the mineral-rich region in northern Ontario. Establishing bilateral agreements with individual First Nation communities to replace the previous Liberal government's collective-negotiations approach under a 2014 framework agreement with nine Matawa First Nation communities will expedite the building of a north-south corridor to the Ring of Fire.

<https://www.northernminer.com/news/ontario-to-work-with-first-nations-to-unlock-ring-of-fire/1003809733/>

FIRST NATIONS NEED TO TAKE THE LEAD ON FAR NORTH DEVELOPMENT: YESNO

Northern Ontario Business – Sept 12

"What has happened in our region is we've just been responding to what's going on, whether it's one permit and one explorer, or the Ring of Fire," said Yesno. "I'd like to be in a position where we are engaging."

[https://www.northernontariobusiness.com/industry-news/aboriginal-businesses/first-nations-need-to-take-the-lead-on-far-north-development-yesno-](https://www.northernontariobusiness.com/industry-news/aboriginal-businesses/first-nations-need-to-take-the-lead-on-far-north-development-yesno-1688888?utm_source=dldr.it&utm_medium=facebook&fbclid=IwAR0foqFKTLWCaiipV_WzrpNhYVykxZg9z1x52AUaDvLKI)

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ADDRESSING REGIONAL IMBALANCES CRITICAL TO ONTARIO'S FUTURE

Sault Online – Sept 12

The Sault Ste. Marie Chamber of Commerce (SSMCOC) has joined with the Ontario Chamber of Commerce (OCC) to release a new report, The Great Mosaic: Reviving Ontario's Regional Economies. The report outlines how governments of all levels can work with industry to unleash the potential of Ontario's regional economies and reinforce the competitiveness of the province as a whole ([report attached](#)).

<https://saultonline.com/2019/09/addressing-regional-imbances-critical-to-ontarios-future/>