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[NOBA 2020: Wabun Tribal Council is the recipient of the Entrepreneurial Community Award - Northern Ontario Business](#)
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Taking their cue from agreements struck from mine developments in the Northwest Territories and Voisey's Bay in Labrador, the resulting Wabun Model process is a series of templated agreements, beginning at the grassroots exploration stage – basically, a memorandum of understanding and graduating up to impact benefit agreements (IBAs). A proposed mine has to be as environmentally benign as possible, said Batise. "We know there are going to be impacts, but how do we manage and mitigate those? It's probably the most important piece to our communities." There are non-negotiable no-go zones, Batise added.

[NOBA 2020: Wataynikaneyap \(Watay\) Power is the recipient of the First Nations Business Award of Excellence - Northern Ontario Business](#)

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The Wataynikaneyap (Watay) Power project has been described as 'life changing' infrastructure in size and scope to improve the health and well-being of northern First Nation communities. When complete in 2023, the massive transmission line will plug homes and businesses in 17 remote northwestern Ontario reserves into the provincial electricity grid for the first time.

[2021 will be northern Ontario's turn to benefit from EV explosion, minister says | ThePeterboroughExaminer.com](#)

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"Further north, you go to Hearst and they have an unbelievable supply of graphite that's needed for batteries. Head west of there, north of Red Lake, and there's huge deposits of lithium up there. The centrepiece, of course, is the nickel that's mined in Sudbury. So people in northern Ontario are very excited about what happened in the fall and those auto investments are going to prove to be beneficial for all of Ontario." Fedeli said as the Ontario government had to work with Ottawa and the car companies to create autos and jobs, the same holds true for the mining companies. "The ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines is at the table with my ministry and the mines to determine exactly what they need," he said.

[Outlook: Indigenous infrastructure equity ownership set to expand in Canada - Commentary | Business in Vancouver \(biv.com\)](#)

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Last year, the First Nations Major Project Coalition (MPC) undertook a worldwide survey to learn how local and Indigenous people in other jurisdictions meaningfully benefited from infrastructure projects in their countries and regions. The final survey report detailed 60 examples of local and Indigenous equity ownership arrangements in energy generation, transmission and distribution infrastructure.

[Forestry stewards: First Nations-owned company looks to build capacity - Wood Business](#)

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"It's just a matter of time before First Nations have a stronger footing in the forest sector, and there's going to be a need for consuming mills and those operating in the forest sector to respect Indigenous, Aboriginal treaty rights," he explains. "It's not just a process where First Nations identify their values that forest companies then try to create buffers around to try to protect them. "There needs to be more Indigenous participation, and that comes on the business side. There needs to be a will from the province to uphold the rights of the communities and to work with some of the existing players that are working in the forest sector and have them open their doors to more Indigenous businesses."

[Ktunaxa Nation and Teck Sign Joint Management Agreement for Conservation Lands Toronto Stock Exchange:TECK.A \(globenewswire.com\)](https://www.globenewswire.com)

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The Ktunaxa Nation and Teck Resources Limited (TSX: TECK.A and TECK.B, NYSE: TECK) ("Teck") today announced the signing of a Joint Management Agreement for more than 7,000 hectares of land purchased by Teck in 2013 for conservation. The lands are located in ʔamakʔis Ktunaxa and in the region of Teck's steelmaking coal operations in southeast British Columbia. Under the Agreement, the Ktunaxa Nation and Teck agree to jointly manage the land for conservation purposes protecting significant fish and wildlife habitat. The Agreement will also support the Ktunaxa Nation Stewardship Principles, and Teck's goal to achieve a net positive impact on biodiversity in the areas where it operates.

[Mushkegowuk chiefs call for moratorium on development within Ring of Fire | The Daily Press \(timminspress.com\)](https://www.timminspress.com)

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Solomon added when the Ontario Premier Doug Ford, together with two chiefs from Mattawa First Nations, announced plans to proceed with building roads, three chiefs from Mushkegowuk met with their counterpart from Neskantaga First Nation to discuss their apprehension regarding opening up access to the Ring of Fire. Chief Chris Moonias of Neskantaga said, "The practical reality is that no project in the Ring of Fire can proceed without the free, prior and informed consent of Neskantaga and the Mushkegowuk Nations. The divide-and-conquer tactics of the government are deplorable.

[Canada Infrastructure Bank signs Memorandum Of understanding for Oneida Energy Storage \(newswire.ca\)](https://www.newswire.ca)

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Representing the largest project of its kind in Canada, the proposed Oneida Energy Storage project includes development of a 250 megawatt / 1000 megawatt-hour energy storage facility in Southwestern Ontario. The facility would provide clean, reliable power capacity. It would draw and store existing surplus baseload and renewable energy during off peak periods. Power would be released to the Ontario grid when energy demand is at its peak. In addition, the energy storage facility would help stabilize Ontario's electricity sector by providing important grid balancing services.