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## Key First Nations around the Ring of Fire

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## INTRODUCTION

The Ring of Fire (ROF) development is generating significant exploration activity, as well as media coverage and public discussion, much of it dealing with work being done by, and relationships between, First Nations, governments and industry. This report highlights what public information indicates is happening between various stakeholders in the ROF area. Maps for reference purposes are available on the last two pages of this document.

## AROLAND

- On February 3, 2011, Marten Falls Chief Eli Moonias and Aroland Chief Sonny Gagnon were quoted in media reports rejecting KWG's January 18 invitation to join the board of directors of KWG's subsidiary Canada Chrome Corporation.<sup>1</sup>
- On January 18, 2011, KWG Resources invited the Chiefs of five Matawa First Nations (Elijah Moonias of Marten Falls, Cornelius Wabasse of Webequie; Sonny Gagnon of Aroland; Roy Moonias of Neskantaga and Lewis Nate of Eabametoong) to join the Board of Directors of its subsidiary Canada Chrome Corporation.<sup>2</sup>
- On November 12, 2010, Aroland First Nation signed a "memorandum of understanding" with the Municipality of Greenstone to "pursue the common agenda of having (a) chromium smelter located in the region". Aroland and Greenstone are working together to conduct research and lobbying work, having hired Charles Fox Consulting to carry out the work "to a limit of \$60,000", with further applications to the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund and FedNor for funding to assist in the work.<sup>3</sup>
- The mayor of Greenstone reinforced the need for such ROF developments to provide benefits to those closest to it, including Greenstone and Matawa First Nations, in January 13, 2011 news release.<sup>4</sup>

## EABAMETOONG

- On February 11, 2011, a published report<sup>5</sup> indicated Eabametoong First Nation objected to the agreement signed between Matawa and the Lake Nipigon First Nations, saying "The lands north of the Lake Nipigon territory fall within the joint traditional land use plan of Eabametoong and Mishkeegogamang First Nations (so) Eababmootang (sic.) First Nation questions the legitimacy of Matawa entering into an agreement where proper consultation has not occurred with the affected community and in particular where they haven't been a party to the drafting of such agreements."
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Eabametoong) to join the Board of Directors of its subsidiary Canada Chrome Corporation.<sup>6</sup>

- On March 9, 2010, the Chiefs of Eabametoong, Neskantaga, Nibinamik and Webequie First Nations signed a “Statement of Relationship”, recognizing “the need for a regional collaborative approach while at that same time allowing individual community land use planning exercises to move forward”. A news release said the First Nations would be “seeking provincial and federal assistance to support these and other community-based initiatives to address the intense demands being placed upon their communities.”<sup>7</sup>

## MARTEN FALLS

- Media reports on March 16, 2011 indicate Marten Falls First Nation is concerned about larger-scale drilling being carried out by Cliffs Natural Resources. While the Government of Ontario says such sample extraction is considered “early stage” exploration according to Ontario’s *Mining Act*, Marten Falls Chief Eli Moonias is quoted saying a significant extraction of rock (200 tonnes) using explosives should require a “special permit”.<sup>8</sup> He is also quoted saying the permit was issued March 11, 2011 when he was meeting with Ontario’s Ring of Fire Co-ordinator in Toronto.<sup>9</sup>
- On March 16 and 31, 2011, media reports quoting Marten Falls Chief Eli Moonias confirmed the end of the Koper Lake air strip action. Chief Moonias is quoted saying the First Nation didn’t have the money to continue, adding that the community will now seek legal avenues for redress.<sup>10</sup> Chief Moonias is also quoted saying none of the other Matawa First Nations appeared to support the action with funding or participation.<sup>11 12</sup>
- On March 11, 2011, KWG’s Vice-President Exploration and Development, Mo Lavigne, told CBC Radio that he’d been told the Koper Lake protest site had been dismantled. The media report said Marten Falls Chief Eli Moonias spoke to Ontario’s Ring of Fire Co-ordinator on March 11, adding that a future visit by the Co-ordinator and Ontario Minister of Northern Development, Mines and Forestry, Michael Gravelle, was planned before the end of March.<sup>13</sup>
- On March 3, 2011, Marten Falls First Nation issued a statement outlining 10 complaints and demands to be met before dismantling a protest blockade at Koper Lake.<sup>14</sup> These include:
  - denial of permission to build winter- and all-season roads in the area;
  - calls for access to the area via Marten Falls
  - concern with lack of funding for various consultation and negotiation activities;
  - concern with disregard for the terms of a September 2010 land use agreement with Webequie and the Government of Ontario;<sup>15</sup>
  - inadequate monitoring of game and wildlife; and

- a request for reimbursement for expenses incurred during the current protest and a similar action during January-February 2010 (approximately \$90,000<sup>16</sup>).

Chief Moonias also told media that companies continuing pre-feasibility studies without input from Marten Falls would be considered a violation of the Treaty, and of Section 35 of the *Constitution Act, 1982*.<sup>17</sup> The First Nation said “food and other day-to-day basics for mining company employees,” would be allowed into the site during the protest blockade.<sup>18</sup> Noront Resources said in a statement issued March 4, 2011 that “the Company has all essential supplies on site to continue exploration through until the end of May.”<sup>19</sup> CBC Radio reported that Ontario Provincial Police were not sending observers to the Koper Lake action unless notified of any criminal activity.<sup>20</sup>

- On March 2, 2011, media were reportedly invited to visit a protest site at Koper Lake on March 3, accompanied by Nishnawbe Aski Nation Grand Chief Stan Beardy, Matawa Ring of Fire Co-ordinator Raymond Ferris and Marten Falls First Nation Chief Eli Moonias. Chief Moonias is quoted saying the First Nation objects to the mining camp in question because of “concerns about the camp that is built on muskeg along Koper Lake, noting the location of the camp is more suited for a temporary two- or three-man set up and it is located near a caribou herd.”<sup>21</sup>
- On March 1, 2011, Marten Falls Chief Eli Moonias told media that “preventing planes from landing near the Ring of Fire development is his best leverage to force proper consultation to take place,” adding a “blockade” was going to be in place starting March 3, 2011. Chief Moonias said he had “10 issues he wants dealt with before the blockade will be removed.”<sup>22</sup>
- On February 28, 2011, the Canadian Press published a story saying Marten Falls First Nation is setting up “a blockade near the massive chromite deposit in northern Ontario known as the Ring of Fire .... because its members feel excluded from negotiations on its development.”<sup>23</sup>
- On February 17, 2011, Matawa CEO David Paul Achneepineskum is quoted in media reports saying that if the chromite is to be mined and processed, “it should be done so within the territory of the Matawa people, since the minerals fall within the traditional lands of Webequie and Marten Falls First Nations.”<sup>24</sup>
- On February 3, 2011, Marten Falls Chief Eli Moonias and Aroland Chief Sonny Gagnon were quoted in media reports rejecting KWG’s January 18 invitation to join the board of directors of KWG’s subsidiary Canada Chrome Corporation.<sup>25</sup>
- On February 1, 2011, KWG Resources announced it had flown an injured member of a group from Marten Falls setting up a blockade site at Koper Lake to Webequie’s nursing station the previous day. KWG’s statement also said Noront Resources had to search for a missing work crew member in the same area.<sup>26</sup>
- On January 27, 2011, Noront Resources issued a statement saying it had received the January 25 letter from the Marten Falls First Nation seeking the immediate termination of all exploration activity by all companies currently

operating in the Ring of Fire, James Bay Lowlands, Ontario. Noront said, “we intend to continue with our activities and providing employment for our staff and contractors. .... The Ontario government has been informed of our decision to continue work on site. In addition, Noront has offered to participate in negotiations with any combination of Government, Marten Falls and Industry in discussions that would help resolve this dispute ....”<sup>27</sup>

- On January 26, 2011, Marten Falls First Nation notified media outlets that it was blockading ice airstrips in the Ring of Fire, specifically in the Koper and McFaulds Lake area, “likely within the week”. The First Nation reportedly objects to not being consulted about mining exploration camps developed in these areas by KWG and Fancamp. KWG says it consulted with Webequie Logistics (a Thunder Bay-based company with an agreement with Webequie First Nation to access that First Nation’s facilities to help support ROF exploration work) about the camps.<sup>28</sup> While some environmental concerns have also been raised, Webequie Logistics is reportedly applying for provincial environmental permits for the operations.<sup>29</sup> Later media reports about the initial news release indicate Marten Falls First Nation had retained the services of Larry Innes (from the law firm Othius, Kleer, and Townsend) and Native-Centric Strategies as “the main proponents for the (First Nation’s) legal and negotiation team addressing mining and resource issues”.<sup>30</sup>
- Marten Falls Chief Eli Moonias told media that on January 25, 2011, the First Nation sent a letter to Noront Resources Inc. officials, “calling on the company to cease-and-desist all operations and leave the territory until true consultations can be held.”<sup>31</sup>
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- On September 16, 2010, Ontario (represented by the Minister of Natural Resources and the Minister of Northern Development, Mines and Forestry) signed a “Letter of Intent” with Marten Falls and Webequie First Nations. This is reportedly “the first formal step towards a Memorandum of Cooperation for mineral development issues, including land use planning in their traditional land use areas.”<sup>33</sup>
- On March 19, 2010, Noront Resources announced resumption of work at its Ring of Fire sites<sup>34</sup>. Media reports indicated Media reports quoted Marten Falls Chief Elijah Moonias saying that “the First Nations would work with companies and government over the next six months to get their issues resolved,” and Webequie Chief Cornelius Wabasse saying “they would be closely monitoring progress over the next six months.”<sup>35</sup>
- On January 18, 2010, Marten Falls and Webequie First Nations blocked access to an ice airfield at Koper and McFaulds Lake area in the ROF. Concerns expressed by First Nation to the media included the construction of the airstrip on unsuitable land, lack of consultation by the companies with the communities on coming plans, and companies reportedly “ignoring

(community) needs to benefit from the development."<sup>36 37</sup> The blockade continued until March 19, 2010, when Noront Resources announced the resumption of "flying in fuel, drills and other material to Koper Lake".<sup>38</sup>

## **MATAWA FIRST NATION MANAGEMENT**

- On March 16, 2011, media reports quoting Marten Falls Chief Eli Moonias confirmed the end of the Koper Lake air strip action. Chief Moonias is quoted saying the First Nation didn't have the money to continue, adding that the community will now seek legal avenues for redress.<sup>39</sup> Chief Moonias is also quoted saying none of the other Matawa First Nations appeared to support the action with funding or participation.<sup>40</sup>
- On March 6, 2011, in a news release issued following the (PDAC) conference in Toronto, Matawa said issues in the Ring of Fire include, "the escalating impacts of a wide range of issues including socio-economic impacts, environmental impacts such as water quality, clear cutting and impacts to wildlife populations (as well as) potential benefits such as employment, new business and training opportunities for local people." Constance Lake First Nation Chief Arthur Moore is quoted in the statement saying, "Matawa First Nations is here to get a very clear message to industry and government and that is to work with us. Currently there is a lack of government and industry consultation in the planning and development processes taking place in the Ring of Fire. We need cooperation from both sides of the table, and we also want to make the industry aware that the First Nations people want to create an environment where all parties involved can thrive."<sup>41</sup>
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- On February 23, 2011, speaking at an economic development conference in Thunder Bay, Matawa Ring of Fire Co-ordinator Raymond Ferris was quoted saying what would be required with respect to consultation and accommodation would include: 1) easier First Nation access to equity in companies doing the work; 2) First Nation 1st right of refusal to buy smaller mining companies before they get swallowed up by larger ones; 3) a "commission" involving First Nation leaders to discuss future land use and benefits from the area and its development; and 4) "shared" permitting with Ontario on environmental and other matters.<sup>43</sup>
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minerals fall within the traditional lands of Webequie and Marten Falls First Nations.”<sup>44</sup>

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- On February 11, 2011, Matawa Chiefs signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Lake Nipigon Chiefs committing to work together on energy and mining issues, including development in the Ring of Fire area.<sup>46</sup>
- On January 25, 2011, Matawa announced the hiring of Raymond Ferris, a former Nishnawbe Aski Nation deputy grand chief and former Chief of Constance Lake, as Matawa’s Ring of Fire Co-ordinator.<sup>47</sup>
- The mayor of Greenstone reinforced the need for ROF developments to provide benefits to those closest to it, including Greenstone and Matawa First Nations, in January 13, 2011 news release.<sup>48</sup>

### **NESKANTAGA**

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- On January 25, 2011, Marten Falls, Webequie and Neskantaga have been named by Matawa’s Ring of Fire Co-ordinator as the three communities “most impacted by the possible development” in the ROF area.<sup>51</sup>

### **NIBINAMIK**

- On March 24, 2011, Noront Resources reportedly made a presentation to members of Nibinamik First Nation about the company’s plans. First Nation Health Director Don Sofea is quoted in the media saying Noront’s plans could



affect spiritual areas and practices, adding the entire community needs to be consulted about the proposed work.<sup>52</sup>

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## WEBEQUIE

- As of March 31, 2011, Webequie Chief Cornelius Wabasse is quoted in media reports saying "his community does not have any comments on Noront's proposed plans at the present time".<sup>54</sup> Chief Cornelius Wabasse claims Webequie maintains a “neutral” position on development in the Ring of Fire, quoted saying “Even though Webequie says we are not opposed to development, that doesn't mean that we fully support what the government is doing.”<sup>55</sup>
- On March 23, 2011, in a statement announcing its submission of a project description to federal and provincial authorities, Noront Resources said it is planning to set up a plant to process concentrate from the proposed Eagle's Nest mine approximately 20 kilometres south of Webequie First Nation, with power lines and road access leading to the site known as Webequie Junction.<sup>56</sup>
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- Speaking during a February 12, 2011 television news feature on the Ring of Fire, Webequie Chief Cornelius Wabasse is quoted saying, “Unless there's serious progress from the (Ontario) government that they're willing to work

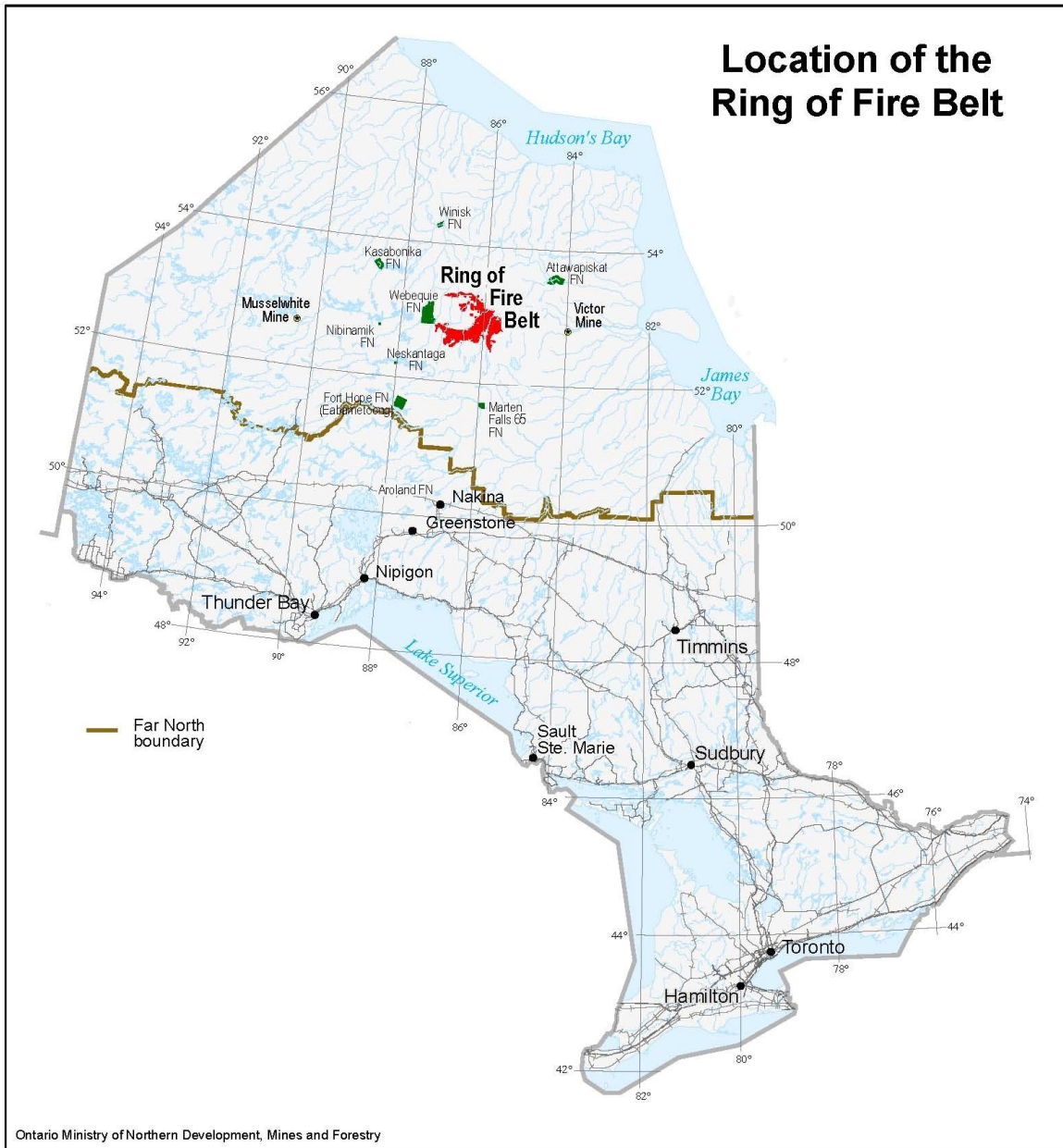
with us, that they're willing to deal with our issues, then if not then there's going to be a blockade .... The work stops.”<sup>60</sup>

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- On January 28, 2011, Cornelius Wabasse reportedly received 58 per cent of votes cast to be re-elected as Chief of Webequie First Nation, defeating former Chief Scott Jacob, Elsie MacDonald and Fred Jacob. The electoral officer is quoted saying 69 per cent of almost 500 eligible voters cast ballots.<sup>62</sup>
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- On May 21, 2009, Webequie First Nation announced an “air licensing agreement” with Webequie Logistics, allowing the company access to the First Nation’s float plane base and airport. The agreement also covered “several mining industrial measures including line cutting and staking, exploration equipment rental, exploration camp construction, personnel management for camps, and air transportation solutions (fixed, rotary, float) and exploration logistics.” The “joint venture” was reportedly facilitated by Niskibi Commodities Inc.<sup>73</sup>

# Reference Map 1

## Ring of Fire Overview



## Reference Map 2

### Activity within traditional territory of Matawa member First Nations



- Tribal Council area
- - Far North Boundary
- Marten Remote Access FN
- Constance Road Access FN
- Treaty 9 area

Source: Ontario Ministry of Northern Development, Mines and Forestry

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