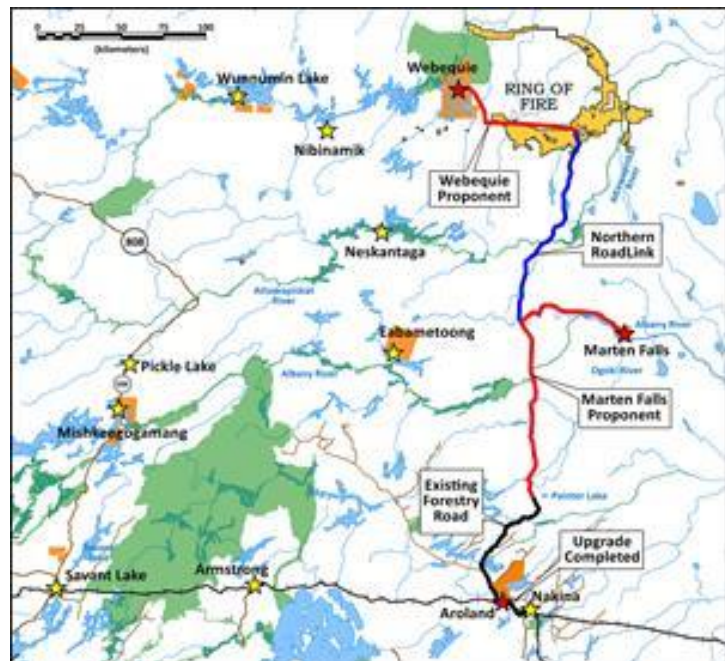


New Partnership Between Government of Ontario, Marten Falls and Webequie First Nations to Move Ahead With Road Access to the Ring of Fire

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Agreement was announced today between the Ontario Provincial Government, Marten Falls First Nation and Webequie First Nation to advance planning and development of a proposed Northern Road Link.

This road will provide reliable, all-season road access to the Ring of Fire and connect First Nation communities to Ontario's provincial highway network.



The partnership was announced by Premier Doug Ford, Minister of Energy, Northern Development and Mines and Minister of Indigenous Affairs Greg Rickford, Marten Falls Chief Bruce Achneepineskum and Webequie Chief Cornelius Wabasse during a signing ceremony at the Prospectors and Developers Association of Canada (PDAC) convention.

Completion of an all-season road will also bring much-needed all-season access to these local communities and improvements to health and social services, high-speed Internet and cellular service.

Additionally, the road will create significant employment and business opportunities for both local communities and the mining industry to work together by providing access to the Ring of Fire thereby enabling mineral development and the creation of high paying jobs.