

De Beers is Sabre Rattling
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De Beers is looking for joint venture partners to pay for expansion of the Victor Mine, 90km outside Attawapiskat. It seems they found one. Now they are thinking about running a dirty scam to collect funds at taxpayers expense. They are considering suing Attawapiskat over potential loss of profits. We saw this scam being run here at Sharbot Lake in 2007 when Frontenac Ventures tried it.

Is there ever justice for Indigenous in the Crown's courthouse??

When are De Beers et al going to start to pay back for their grand theft of Anishnaabe resources? When will they pay back for the loss of lives, culture and livelihood? How can they ever pay for the shameless suffering they are causing to Anishnaabe people??

All the corporate criminals must be held accountable for their grand larceny.

Here's some contact info for DeBeers. They love to hear from indignant people all over the world. Below is an article FYI.

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De Beers Considers Lawsuits after Attawapiskat Blockade

CBC News

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Officials with DeBeers are crossing their fingers that there's enough time left in the winter road season to keep the Victor mine on track.

A handful of Attawapiskat band members blocked the key supply line to the Victor diamond mine on-and-off for nearly three weeks.

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The company received a court injunction to break up the blockade, which ended peacefully on Friday night.

But company spokesperson Tom Ormsby said the lost transit time will be difficult to make up.

"We believe ... we've passed the point of being able to get everything in," Ormsby said.

"So at this point, we're hoping that the teams will continue to move efficiently, and we're also keeping our fingers crossed that we'll see some extended cold periods in the weather ... to maintain the integrity of the road, to give us as long as possible."

Ormsby said it's too early to put a number on how much the lost productivity cost De Beers and noted civil lawsuits to recover lost revenue are still a possibility.

He added the company will continue in open talks with the community. [to beat them into submission with coffee, donuts and fancy flow charts]

Provincial police said a handful of protesters left the road on Friday night without incident.

A court injunction was issued earlier this month, ordering that the road be re-opened to traffic, but protestors remained. Police said they were waiting on specific instructions from the court on exactly how to proceed with ending the blockade peacefully. In the end, police said no intervention was required to remove the road block.

Moving forward, officers will stay on site and monitor the situation to ensure supplies are transported to and from the mine safely.

Ormsby said the blockade by Attawapiskat band members cost the company 16 of 20 days of ice road use since the temporary road was opened for the season.

The mine employs about 500 people, including roughly 100 from the neighbouring Attawapiskat First Nation.

[And where in all this is the Voice of the People???