



The KI leadership and the Ardoch leadership were sentenced to six months in jail for civil contempt of court after disobeying court orders which allowed mining exploration on traditional territories.

In declaring the sentences too harsh, the Court of Appeal stated “. . . in light of the progress already made, much of it with the encouragement and assistance of the motion judge, there was no need to bring down the hammer of long jail sentences and very substantial fines.” (par. 65)

Nishnawbe Aski Nation is a political territorial organization representing 49 First Nation communities in James Bay Treaty 9 and Ontario portions of Treaty 5 – an area covering two thirds of the province of Ontario.

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