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NAN MOURNS PASSING OF NAPS POLICE CHIEF

THUNDER BAY, ON: Nishnawbe Aski Nation (NAN) Deputy Grand Chief Alvin Fiddler together with Grand Chief Stan Beardy, Deputy Grand Chief Terry Waboose and Deputy Grand Chief RoseAnne Archibald are mourning the loss of Nishnawbe Aski Police Service (NAPS) Police Chief Paul Trivett who passed away August 27 after a courageous battle with cancer.

"Chief Trivett's enthusiasm for the Nishnawbe Aski Police Service was matched only by his dedication, and our thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends at this time," said NAN Deputy Grand Chief Alvin Fiddler. "The people of Nishnawbe Aski will miss his compassion and professionalism, and I am confident that his spirit will live on through his officers and the tremendous work they do in our communities under very challenging, and often quite dangerous conditions."

Trivett served as a constable with Georgina Island Police from 1981 to 1986 and the Ontario Provincial Police from 1986 until 2005, when he joined NAPS as Deputy Chief of Police. He is survived by his wife and three children. A funeral service will be held Saturday August 30 on Georgina Island.

NAPS is the largest First Nation police force in Canada and the second largest in North America and employs 135 uniformed police officers and 30 civilians. NAPS serves 39 of NAN's 49 communities and is funded 48% by the Government of Ontario and 52% by the Government of Canada. NAPS continues to experience ongoing and cumulative infrastructure challenges as displayed in the short documentary film *Nishnawbe Aski Police Service: A Sacred Calling (2008).*

"Chief Trivett worked tirelessly to resolve the ongoing infrastructure challenges of NAPS across the Nishnawbe Aski territory, as police detachments in almost all of our communities are unable to meet basic operational standards," said Fiddler. "But despite these considerable challenges and his declining heath, Chief Trivett never lost hope or stopped trying to improve the lives of our people by helping to build safe and healthy communities."

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

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