

“The people of Nishnawbe Aski are living in dire socio-economic conditions. Unemployment has soared to around 85 per cent and the high cost of living is causing never-before-seen levels of poverty and declining health,” said Beardy, noting that the disparity between the standard of living in First Nation communities and the rest of Canada must be addressed. “While the Government of Canada is busy addressing serious economic conditions impacting the health and well-being of non-native communities across the country it is imperative that First Nations be included in the recovery of the Canadian economy.”

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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