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## STATEMENT FROM NAN GRAND CHIEF ON THE RE-ELECTION OF ANGUS TOULOUSE AS REGIONAL CHIEF OF ONTARIO

**THUNDER BAY, ON:** Nishnawbe Aski Nation (NAN) Grand Chief Stan Beardy, on behalf of the NAN Executive Council, expressed congratulations to Angus Toulouse following his re-election today as Regional Chief of Ontario at the All Ontario Chiefs Conference in Batchewana First Nation:

> On behalf of Nishnawbe Aski Nation it is my pleasure to congratulate Regional Chief Toulouse on his re-election. Over the years he has earned respect for his leadership and his tireless efforts to improve the lives of the First Nations people and I am certain that he will continue to be an effective and well-respected advocate for our people both in Ontario and as our representative on the Assembly of First Nations Executive Committee.
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> Regional Chief Toulouse has been a strong voice for 133 First Nations in Ontario and has displayed wisdom and compassion while working to strengthen First Nation communities across the Nishnawbe Aski territory and all of Ontario. His commitment and selfless dedication serves as an example to all First Nation leaders.

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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