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NAN WELCOMES CITY OF THUNDER BAY'S STANCE AGAINST LIBERTARIAN ELECTION AD

THUNDER BAY: Nishnawbe Aski Nation (NAN) Grand Chief Harvey Yesno welcomed the position taken by the City of Thunder Bay against comments expressed by Libertarian candidate Tamara Johnson in a recent provincial election advertisement published in The Chronicle-Journal:

“We thank Mayor Hobbs and Council for the city’s strong opposition to the outrageous and disparaging comments made by this candidate against First Nations people and their Treaty rights. These statements are incorrect and ill-informed and have senselessly and unnecessarily escalated racial tensions in the city. We do not oppose free speech or the media’s role to protect it, but we strongly condemn profiteering from repugnant and offensive comments that have incited expressions of racism and hatred. Nishnawbe Aski Nation will continue to develop positive relationships within the Thunder Bay community and we welcome Mayor Hobbs’ reaffirmation of the city’s commitment to its Urban Aboriginal Strategy and anti-racism initiatives.”

Nishnawbe Aski Nation is a political territorial organization representing 49 First Nation communities in James Bay Treaty No. 9 and Ontario portions of Treaty No. 5 – an area covering two thirds of the province of Ontario in Canada.

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