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ALVIN FIDDLER ELECTED NAN GRAND CHIEF

AROLAND FIRST NATION: Chiefs and proxies from Nishnawbe Aski Nation's (NAN) 49 First Nation communities elected Alvin Fiddler, of Muskrat Dam First Nation, as Grand Chief this afternoon during the XXXIV Keewaywin Conference.

"I am honoured to be elected Grand Chief and it is humbling to receive such a strong mandate from our Chiefs. I am inspired by the leadership of our Chiefs and the spirit of our citizens and I believe that by working together there is nothing we cannot achieve," said Grand Chief Alvin Fiddler, who has previously served three terms as Deputy Grand Chief (2003-2006, 2006-2009, 2012-2015). "There are many expectations of this Executive Council and I look forward to hitting the ground running to address the many issues facing our communities. We will ensure that all NAN members, especially our youth, are fully engaged as we work together for a better future for people and our communities."

Grand Chief Fiddler was elected along with three Deputy Grand Chiefs who are responsible for specific portfolios at NAN including education, health, justice and governance. Elected as Deputy Grand Chief are:

- Anna Betty Achneepineskum
- Derek Fox
- Terry Waboose

The Grand Chief and Deputy Grand Chiefs were sworn into office immediately. The Keewaywin Conference (August 11-13) continues Thursday in Aroland First Nation.

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