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NAN CONGRATULATES MISSANABIE CREE FIRST NATION ON RECEIVING RESERVE STATUS

THUNDER BAY, ON: Nishnawbe Aski Nation (NAN) Grand Chief Alvin Fiddler, on behalf of the NAN Executive Council, congratulates Chief Jason Gauthier and Council for receiving the long-awaited reserve status for Missanabie Cree First Nation.

"We congratulate Chief Gauthier and his Council for finally reclaiming their home after more than a century of efforts with the federal government. This is a historic achievement Missanabie Cree First Nation members should be proud of," said NAN Grand Chief Alvin Fiddler. "This took a tremendous amount of work and we are grateful for the efforts of everyone involved. This is a major accomplishment but still just the beginning of a long journey for the people of Missanabie Cree."

In 2010, Missanabie Cree First Nation completed an agreement with the Government of Ontario for a land transfer of 15 square miles. It took another 8 years for the Government of Canada to designate the land as a reserve under the Additions to Reserve Policy.

The plans for Missanabie Cree include infrastructure, education and economic opportunities, creating meaningful employment, proper housing and healthcare, and implementing green energy strategies.

Missanabie Cree First Nation is located in the Algoma District within the boundaries of Chapleau Game Preserve in North Eastern Ontario.

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