



Anishinabek

Communiqué from the Grand Council Chief's office

Anishinabek Nation supports Attawapiskat First Nation

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Aanii/Boozhoo:

Our thoughts and prayers go out to our cousins in Attawapiskat. In speaking with Grand Chief Stan Beardy, it was suggested that any community efforts to demonstrate support for families in that struggling community be coordinated with Red Cross efforts already under way. In one of the world's wealthiest economies the Anishinabek join other voices who question why First Peoples continue to suffer the worst socio-economic outcomes in Canada, a nation that was built on promises to share the land and its resources. Until Canada's governments are serious about renewing our relationship, First Peoples will continue to be treated and depicted as beggars in our own lands.

The Anishinabek Nation established the Union of Ontario Indians as its secretariat in 1949. The UOI is a political advocate for 39 member communities across Ontario, representing approximately 55,000 people. The Union of Ontario Indians is the oldest political organization in Ontario and can trace its roots back to the Confederacy of Three Fires, which existed long before European contact.

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