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Anishinabek ready to move forward with Ontario government

UOI OFFICES (Nipissing First Nation) October 20, 2011 – Anishinabek Grand Council Chief Patrick Madahbee says that he is pleased with Premier Dalton McGuinty's cabinet announcement today and looks forward to working with all of the ministers to advance First Nation issues in Ontario.

"We hope this Liberal government will take immediate action on issues with First Nations education, health, child welfare, economic development and resource-revenue sharing which all have been long-standing issues," says Madahbee.

The Grand Council Chief hopes that new Aboriginal Affairs minister, Kathleen Wynne, who is also the municipal affairs minister, will focus her attention on the outstanding Ipperwash recommendations.

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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