



Manitoba Keewatinowî Okimakanak Inc.

MKO Congratulates Newly Appointed Indigenous Cabinet Ministers

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Treaty One Territory, Winnipeg, MB – Manitoba Keewatinowî Okimakanak (MKO) applauds Prime Minister Mark Carney for ensuring Indigenous representation in his newly appointed cabinet, offering a more authentic reflection of Canada's diverse populations and voices.

MKO offers its congratulations to Rebecca Chartrand elected in Churchill-Keewatinook Aski, appointed Minister of Northern and Arctic affairs. As Manitoba's sole representative in the Federal Liberal cabinet, Ms. Chartrand's leadership will be pivotal in advancing issues that impact northern and Indigenous communities.

In a historic milestone, Mandy Gull-Masty, former Grand Chief of the Grand Council of the Crees, elected in the riding of Abitibi-Baie-James-Nunavik-Eeyou, has been sworn in as Minister of Indigenous Services. Ms. Gull-Masty is the first Indigenous person to oversee the federal department responsible for serving First Nations, Inuit, and Métis communities.

Joining them at the cabinet table is Métis Secretary of State for Rural Development, Buckley Belanger, elected in the riding of Desnethé-Missinippi-Churchill River. Their collective presence marks a significant step in strengthening Indigenous voices within Canada's Parliament.

MKO also extends congratulations to the Gary Anandasangaree as new Public Safety Minister, formerly Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs

MKO celebrates this meaningful progress and looks forward to working alongside these representatives to ensure First Nations priorities are championed at the highest levels of government.

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Manitoba Keewatinowî Okimakanak Inc. (MKO) is a non-profit, political advocacy organization that has represented 26 First Nation communities in Manitoba's North since 1981. The MKO represents more than 72,000 First Nations people.

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