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## **Congratulations to Mr. Perry Bellegarde on his re-election as Assembly of First Nations National Chief**

Vancouver, BC - Chief Commissioner Marion Buller and Commissioners Michele Audette, Brian Eyolfson and Qajaq Robinson of the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls extend their congratulations to Perry Bellegarde on his re-election as National Chief of the Assembly of First Nations (AFN), and acknowledge all candidates who ran for the position of National Chief.

The National Inquiry recognizes decades of advocating by the AFN for a national inquiry. We are grateful for your continued commitment, advice and recommendations as we carry out our work.

Mr. Bellegarde, as the National Chief, we look forward to working with you to prioritize actions that increase safety and make room for Indigenous women, girls and 2SLGBTQQIA to reclaim their power and place.

Congratulations again, and we look forward to working together with the AFN as we find the truth, honour the truth, and give life to the truth.

**Kinana'skomitinnow-ow**

**Tshinashkumitin**

**Chi-meegwetch**

**Nakurmiik**