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BCAFN Congratulates National Chief Perry Bellegarde

(Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil Waututh, Vancouver, BC – July 25, 2018) – The British Columbia Assembly of First Nations (BCAFN) would like to congratulate Perry Bellegarde as the National Chief of the Assembly of First Nations. Today, over 500 First Nations Chiefs met in Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil Waututh territory (Vancouver) to elect the National Chief of the AFN. Under the AFN Charter, the National Chief is elected by Chiefs every 3 years. A member of the Little Black Bear First Nation, Bellegarde has served as Chief of the Federation of the Saskatchewan Indigenous Nations and will be entering his second term as National Chief.

Regional Chief Terry Teegee stated, “Congratulations to National Chief Perry Bellegarde. We look forward to working together with the Chiefs in BC, Chiefs across Canada and the Regional Chiefs. We are at historic moment in our relationships with the federal and provincial governments and now is the time to work with the Assembly of First Nations leadership to ensure that First Nations inherent rights and treaty rights are affirmed and implemented according to our terms.” He added, “First Nations in BC and Canada are reclaiming their rightful place on their lands and territories. We have strong, committed leadership at all levels to work towards the recognition and implementation of our Title, Rights and Treaty Rights.”

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