



ABORIGINAL HEALING AND WELLNESS STRATEGY

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Joint Management Committee Members

Re: Manager, Aboriginal Healing and Wellness Strategy (AHWS) Secretariat

As you know, over the last year we have gone through an extensive recruitment process to permanently fill the position of Manager with the Aboriginal Healing and Wellness Strategy (AHWS) Secretariat. We are very pleased to announce that Irvin George has accepted this position and will officially assume his duties on Monday, October 22, 2007.

Irvin is a member of the Kettle and Stony Point First Nation and has served in a number of senior positions throughout his career. Most notably, Irvin was the Executive Director at the Ontario First Nations Technical Service Corporation for over 8 years, and has also served as Chief and Band Administrator for the Kettle and Stony Point First Nation.

Through his years of experience at both a technical and political level, Irvin brings with him a strong first hand knowledge of the challenges facing Aboriginal communities in Ontario. His broad perspective and varied background will certainly be an asset to the Strategy.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank Martin John for his support and leadership over the last 15 months. His professionalism, energy and knowledge of the AHWS programs and services have been invaluable in supporting the Strategy throughout this period.

Please join us in thanking Martin and welcoming Irvin to the AHWS Secretariat. We look forward to formally introducing Irvin to the members of the Joint Management Committee at the November 27/28, 2007 meeting.

Sincerely,

Wally McKay
Aboriginal Co-Chair

Alexander Bezzina
Government Co-Chair