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FSIN RESPONDS TO NAME SUBMISSION TO AFN

FSIN Chief Alphonse Bird reiterated that the FSIN was following due process when submitting David Ahenakew's name forward for the AFN Renewal Commission.

Chief Bird stated, "We were requested by the AFN to submit potential candidates forward for the AFN Renewal Commission. We followed our policies and procedures, which is to ask our member Chiefs to submit names. We received two names; Mr Ahenakew's name was one of them. Both names were submitted for consideration. The names submitted were only for consideration purposes.

We maintain that we do not in any way support or condone the anti-Semitic comments made by Mr. Ahenakew nor are they a reflection of the FSIN. Part of our mandate is the promotion and respect for all people and we strongly adhere to this tenet."

The Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations represents 74 First Nations in Saskatchewan. The Federation is committed to honouring the Spirit and Intent of the Treaties as well as the promotion, protection and implementation of Treaties that were made with the First Nations more than a century ago.

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