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FSIN 3rd Vice Chief Pleased with Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs Meeting

MONDAY, MAY 1, 2006 – FSIN 3rd Vice Chief Delbert Wapass is pleased with the meeting held with Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) Minister Jim Prentice.

Vice Chief Wapass met with the INAC Minister in Ottawa today to discuss First Nation issues including health.

Vice Chief Wapass states, "This was a good first meeting; I look forward to subsequent meetings with the Minister and bringing the Minister to Saskatchewan. Meetings such as this are necessary to familiarize the Minister with the issues facing First Nations in Saskatchewan. Also, we will continue to build strong relationships with the MPs in Saskatchewan."

Vice Chief Wapass is responsible for the Health and Social Development and Urban portfolios at the FSIN.

"Improving the quality of life for First Nations means critically looking at the policies and programs in place and we know that in the area of health there is much work to be done. I have brought to the Minister's attention the Federal Government's five priorities and whether they meet the needs of First Nations people and have advocated support. I, like many other Canadians, will wait and see what the budget delivers tomorrow," Vice Chief Wapass concluded.

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 the Treaty promises that were made more than a century ago.

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