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Ahtahkakoop Cree Nation achieves FMB's highest level of financial management certification

AHTAHKAKOOP CREE NATION – Ahtahkakoop Cree Nation in Saskatchewan recently achieved Financial Management System (FMS) Certification from the First Nations Financial Management Board (FMB). This certification is a significant milestone for the Nation, affirming that Ahtahkakoop meets rigorous international standards in financial performance, management practices, and accountability.

"This achievement is a testament to the strength, discipline, and transparency of our financial management practices," says Larry Ahenakew, Chief of Ahtahkakoop Cree Nation. "We are committed to building a prosperous and self-sustaining future for our members. This certification is not only a badge of excellence, but a shield against doubt and misinformation. Our staff worked diligently together with the Finance Department to achieve this enormous undertaking, and this is certainly a proud and momentous occasion for our Nation."

Ahtahkakoop welcomes the many benefits of FMS Certification, including enhanced access to capital, recognition of the Nation's governance frameworks and long-term sustainability, and increased community trust as citizens and partners recognize that financial stewardship is a top priority.

The Nation's recent community development projects include the Cree Nations Treatment Centre, a new youth centre, sewer system, school expansion, and Urgent Care Centre.

Chief Ahenakew says FMS Certification confirms what the Nation's leadership and community members have long known: Ahtahkakoop is a financially strong, strategically managed, and forward-thinking Nation.

The FMB congratulates Ahtahkakoop Cree Nation on the significant achievement of FMS Certification.

About Ahtahkakoop Cree Nation:
Ahtahkakoop Cree Nation in Saskatchewan, is committed to leading with vision and governing with integrity. With approximately 4300 citizens, the Nation is part of the Wāskahikaniwiyiniwak (House Cree) division of nēhiyawak and is located 92 kms northwest of Prince Albert.

About the FMB:
The First Nations Financial Management Board is a First Nations-led non-profit organization that supports First Nations in developing sound financial and administrative governance practices. The FMB was created under the *First Nations Fiscal Management Act* (FMA) in 2006. Services offered are at no cost to First Nations. For more information on all products and services, visit www.fnfmb.com.

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