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## **AMC encouraged by Province's New Approach**

**Treaty One Territory, May 29, 2019** – Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs (AMC) is pleased about the development of the relationship between AMC and the Province of Manitoba. Together, Premier Pallister and Grand Chief Arlen Dumas are looking at a new approach to provincial relations with First Nations in Manitoba that are based on joint economic opportunities and respect of First Nation rights.

“Premier Pallister and I have a productive working relationship that has allowed us to create new economic opportunities for First Nations in Manitoba’s diverse economy. We are encouraged by his commitment to our people and his commitment to working together in partnership knowing that all Manitobans benefit when First Nations succeed,” said Grand Chief Arlen Dumas. First Nation leaders in Manitoba have no interest in selling the rights of future generations but rather, prefer to live by the spirit and intent of the treaties, where First Nations and our treaty partners can share in the wealth and prosperity. AMC knows that the treaty relationship also means sharing in the joint responsibility to make responsible decisions in relation to protecting the lands and waters in our territories for the benefit of our future generations.

Manitoba’s Minnesota transmission lines and the Lake Manitoba outlet could mean significant employment and economic opportunities for Manitobans and First Nations if done in a sustainable way that protects First Nations interests. That is why Premier Pallister and Grand Chief Arlen Dumas have committed to work together as partners to bring First Nations to the table and engage in partnership discussions to expedite decision-making around critical economic projects. “We are looking forward to this new way of doing business in Manitoba that lives up to the true spirit of the treaty relationship,” said Grand Chief Arlen Dumas.

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