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## **AMC grateful for First Nations' contributions during the search for B.C. fugitives**

**Treaty One Territory, MB.** \_ In response to the discovery of the bodies of the B.C. fugitives today, the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs (AMC) would like to thank the First Nation citizens of Manitoba for their invaluable contributions in bringing this search to an end.

The bodies of the two fugitives were discovered by RCMP members at 10 a.m. Wednesday morning along the Nelson River.

"We are incredibly thankful this search ended safely and our volunteers, the RCMP, and the northern community members are no longer at risk," said **Grand Chief Arlen Dumas**.

"Working closely with First Nation citizens will always produce the best results. The contributions made by our citizens that led to the discovery of the bodies of the fugitives is a prime example of this. Our people have special knowledge of the land and a keen awareness of our surroundings. Over the course of the last two weeks or so, First Nation citizens have been instrumental in moving the search forward by offering their expertise to assist the RCMP," said **Grand Chief Dumas**.

On July 26th, four days after the search in northern Manitoba began, the AMC rolled out a safety strategy for the northern communities affected. As part of the strategy, the AMC worked with the Bear Clan Patrol to provide their services to First Nations where the search was underway.

"I want to thank the Bear Clan for their willingness to provide support to the citizens of Fox Lake Cree Nation, York Factory First Nation and War Lake First Nation," said **Grand Chief Dumas**.

"While the suspects were at large, we have been filled with anxiety and fear for many of our First Nation citizens. Your presence has helped the families who reside in these First Nations get through a very difficult time," said **Grand Chief Dumas**.

"I want to acknowledge the courage, strength and resilience of each Bear Clan member and First Nation citizen during this time of uncertainty. I also want to thank the RCMP for their tireless efforts and for working closely with our First Nations leadership throughout the search," concluded **Grand Chief Dumas**.

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### **About the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs**

The Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs (AMC) represents 62 First Nations in Manitoba including the Anishinaabe (Ojibway), Nehetho (Cree), Oji-Cree, Dene and Dakota people.

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