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AMC town hall event gave First Nation citizens opportunity to engage politicians face to face

Treaty One Territory, MB. _ The Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs' town hall event with provincial political candidates provided a platform to discuss how First Nation issues will be addressed in the Sept. 10 election.

'I'm First Nation and I Vote' event, held last night, included a rally and march from the Manitoba Legislature to the RBC Convention Centre where a panel discussion with the candidates gave First Nation citizens the opportunity to ask questions directly to the candidates.

"This town hall event was a way for First Nations citizens to be heard and to ensure First Nations concerns are a priority in the upcoming provincial election," **said Grand Chief Arlen Dumas.**

"I want to thank everyone who attended in person and those who were engaged online through social media. When we join together, and allow our collective voices to be heard, we have the power to influence an election," said Grand Chief Dumas.

Provincial party leaders in attendance included Wab Kinew of the NDP, James Beddome of the Green Party and Dougald Lamont of the Liberal party. Other candidates in attendance included Ken Henry, Bernadette Smith, Nahanni Fontaine, Eileen Clarke and Dave Wheeler.

"I'm First Nation and I Vote" is a three-part series of events, which includes a town hall for the provincial election and two town halls for the federal election in October. The federal events will take place on September 11th in Winnipeg and September 19th in Thompson, MB.

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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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