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**GRAND CHIEF ARLEN DUMAS AND THE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA CHIEFS OFFER  
CONGRATULATIONS TO PREMIER PALLISTER ON THE CABINET ASSIGNMENTS  
TODAY**

**Treaty One Territory, Manitoba Grand Chief Arlen Dumas** and the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs send congratulations to Manitoba Premier Brian Pallister regarding the latest Provincial cabinet shuffle. While introducing two new ministers – Brandon West MLA Reg Helwer and Fort Richmond MLA Sarah Guillemard - the Premier elected to keep some Ministers in their current portfolios. The Cabinet is now made up of fourteen members, up one from thirteen, and now includes five women.

“We appreciate the opportunity to continue the work with those already familiar to us, as well as establish a working relationship with those new to Cabinet,” said **Grand Chief Arlen Dumas**. “Of particular note, Minister Eileen Clarke will be staying on as Indigenous and Northern Relations Minister and that means we can build on an already solid foundation of trust, respect and genuine shared interest in the betterment of our First Nations communities here in Manitoba.”

The Conservative government also created two new Ministries including the new Department of Conservation and Climate, which will be overseen by new MLA Sarah Guillemard, and the Department of Economic Development and Training now held by MLA Ralph Eichler. New MLA Reg Helwer was appointed to the Ministry of Central Services, a move meant to streamline and modernize government operations.

The Conservative party won a second majority in September, 2019, securing 36 seats in the provincial election.

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**About the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs**

*The AMC was formed in 1988 by the Chiefs in Manitoba to advocate on issues that commonly affect First Nations in Manitoba. AMC is an authorized representative of 62 of the 63 First Nations in Manitoba with a total of more than 151,000 First Nation citizens in the province, accounting for approximately 12 per cent of*

*the provincial population. AMC represents a diversity of Anishinaabe (Ojibway), Nehetho / Ininew (Cree), Anishinew (Ojibwe-Cree), Denesuline (Dene) and Dakota Oyate (Dakota) people.*