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**AMC ACKNOWLEDGES THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF ELIZABETH MAY AS SHE
STEPS DOWN AS FEDERAL GREEN PARTY LEADER**

Treaty One Territory, Manitoba – Grand Chief Arlen Dumas and the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs (AMC) would like to acknowledge the important work of Elizabeth May following her announcement to step down as party leader.

Federal Green Party Leader Elizabeth May made the announcement that she is stepping down as party leader, effective today.

“I would like to acknowledge the important work of Elizabeth May during her tenure as Green Party Leader,” said **AMC Grand Chief Arlen Dumas**. “She has made important headway in addressing First Nations and environmental issues. She has done this by consistently challenging the government on First Nations matters and ensuring environmental concerns remain at the forefront of the Green Party platform. This has been seen in her repudiation of the doctrine of *terra nullius*, her call to end the genocide of Indigenous women, girls and two spirited people, and her acknowledgements of Canada’s profound legal obligation for reconciliation and restitution for Canada’s history of colonization. She has been instrumental in drawing attending to First Nations jurisdiction issues with her support of the *United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP)* and her support for First Nations efforts toward self-determination including the dismantling of the *Indian Act*.”

“Elizabeth has been steadfast in her convictions and has instilled important ideals in the minds of many Canadians”, added **Grand Chief Dumas**. “As she steps down from this role, we wish her the very best and continued success in her future endeavors.”

May has served as leader of the Federal Green party since 2006. She announced that she will continue to sit as Member of Parliament and will be the party’s parliamentary caucus leader. May announced Jo-Ann Roberts has been appointed as the party’s interim leader until a leadership vote is held in October 2020.

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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 / Inineu (Cree), Anishinew (Ojibwe-Cree), Denesuline (Dene) and Dakota Oyate (Dakota) people.