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The Métis Nation British Columbia congratulates (AFN) Assembly of First Nations newly elected National Chief Shawn Atleo

British Columbia, Canada – President Bruce Dumont on behalf of the Métis Nation British Columbia Board of Directors and Métis citizens in the Province of British Columbia, congratulates National Chief Shawn Atleo for his recent election victory as National Chief of the Assembly of First Nations.

President Dumont commented: “the Métis Nation British Columbia has sincerely valued our relationship with Chief Shawn Atleo over past years. The MNBC looks forward to working with the National Chief on the 2010 Olympic and Paralympics Winter Games joining with the Four Host Nations and the Métis National Council in a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) establishing a mutual beneficial relationship for building all aboriginal 2010 Winter Games opportunities and legacies.

Chief Shawn Atleo has been a strong regional advocate, leader and support for the Assembly of First Nations and First Nation communities in Canada for a number of years, and now will be able to further that leadership on a National level to achieve and further the vision of the AFN under his leadership as the National Chief.

Congratulations once again to National Chief Shawn Atleo and to the AFN predecessor who lead the AFN for many years under infallible leadership, Grand Chief Phil Fontaine. The MNBC wishes you great success wherever your journey now takes you.

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