



# **ATTAWAPISKAT FIRST NATION**

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## **CHIEF SPENCE COMMENTS ON COURT DECISION**

ATTAWAPISKAT, ON – 1 August 2012. Attawapiskat was pleased and relieved to see the Federal Court's decision this morning, declaring Canada's actions in imposing third party management illegal. Chief Spence stated that "Our community continues to recover from the effects of that action, financially, and in terms of our Treaty relationship with Canada" in reaction to the decision.

Our members continue to struggle with the consequences of chronic and discriminatory underfunding affecting our First Nation, like most others. The housing crisis, which continues, was but one of these consequences.

We look forward to Canada working more effectively and collaboratively with our leadership, staff, and members. We hope that the health, security and prosperity enjoyed by our non-Aboriginal neighbours in our territory and throughout Canada will someday be enjoyed by our children. Our honour and the honour of Canada and the Crown depends on our respecting and strengthening our treaty relationship.

The Attawapiskat First Nation is a remote isolated First Nation in North Eastern Ontario, whose traditional territory includes lands around the Attawapiskat, and Ekwana river systems in Northern Ontario.

The Attawapiskat First nation comprises some 1,800 on reserve members.

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