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Press Release

Moose Cree First Nation honours Mushkegowuk Grand Chief Dr. Stan Louttit

On July 26, 2013 the Moose Cree First Nation held a ceremony in honour of Mushkegowuk Grand Chief, Dr. Stan Louttit. "Our Grand Chief, Dr. Stan Louttit has demonstrated over the course of his distinguished career an unwavering commitment to the protection of our treaty rights. He has shown himself to be truly dedicated to improving the lives of all Omushkegowuk peoples," stated Moose Cree Chief Norm Hardisty Jr.

Grand Chief, Dr. Stan Louttit was born on his family's traditional homelands at Lake River (100 miles north of Attawapiskat). He was raised at Lake River and Attawapiskat and is a proud member of the Fort Albany First Nation. The Grand Chief has made Moose Factory his home for the past 50 or so years and has been made an honorary member of the Moose Cree First Nation in acknowledgement of his many contributions to the local community.

Grand Chief Louttit is currently in his third consecutive four year term as Grand Chief of the Mushkegowuk. This reflects not only his strong leadership abilities but also the respect of the people as the Grand Chief is elected by the citizens of the seven Mushkegowuk communities. During the course of his career he also served a five year term as Deputy Grand Chief of the Nishnawbe-Aski Nation. The Grand Chief was presented with a Ministerial Award and the Governor General's Medal of Bravery in recognition of his efforts during the Winisk flood of 1986. In 2011 he was awarded with an Honorary Doctorate of Education from Nipissing University in recognition of his leadership and advocacy.

Grand Chief Louttit has been battling cancer since last fall yet he remains as committed as ever to his mission to educate our citizens and the general public about our treaties. "Grand Chief Louttit is our most effective keeper of the treaty and treaty promises," said Chief Hardisty. "Patiently but forcefully he explains our understanding of Treaty 9, the real agreement as understood by our grandfathers." The Grand Chief continues to be active at the community, regional and national levels by advocating for the rights and needs of the Omushkegowuk, and all First Nation citizens.

Grand Chief, Dr. Stan Louttit and his wife Sharon have been married for 40 years and reside on Moose Factory Island and have four daughters and eight wonderful grandchildren. "Grand Chief Louttit is as fine a leader as we have ever had in the Mushkegowuk territory, he is a friend

to many and we honour him for his exemplary leadership and commitment to our people,” stated Chief Hardisty.

From July 30-August 1, 2013, the Mushkegowuk Council is hosting a Treaty Conference on Moose Cree First Nation territory. This conference is focused on Treaty 9 and the oral agreements that must be honoured. Grand Chief, Dr. Stan Louttit is a featured speaker at this event.

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