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CHIEF CHANTAL KISTABISH APPOINTED AS CHAIRPERSON OF THE FNAESC

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Pikogan — May 22, 2025 — The First Nations Adult Education School Council (FNAESC) is proud to announce the appointment of Chief Chantal Kistabish of the Conseil de la Première Nation d'Abitibiwinni as its new Chairperson and Spokesperson, effective immediately. The decision was ratified during a duly convened meeting of the FNAESC on May 22, 2025, following an open call for expressions of interest.

Chief Kistabish, a respected leader and advocate for education and community development, brings a wealth of experience and deep commitment to advancing adult education and vocational training opportunities for First Nations learners across Quebec. As Chairperson and Spokesperson, she will serve as the official political representative of the FNAESC and preside over regular and special meetings of the FNAESC.

"It is an honor to serve as Chairperson and Spokesperson for the FNAESC. I believe deeply in the power of education to transform lives and strengthen Nations. Together with our member communities and partners, I am committed to ensuring that First Nations adults have access to culturally grounded, community-driven learning opportunities that reflect who we are and where we want to go." Chief Chantal Kistabish, FNAESC Chairperson and Spokesperson

"The appointment of Chief Kistabish marks a significant step forward for the Council," said Tanu Lusignan, Executive Director of the FNAESC. "Her leadership, vision, and connection to community will guide the FNAESC as we continue to strengthen and expand culturally rooted education services for First Nations adults."

In her new role, Chief Kistabish will act as a liaison with key partners, including federal and provincial governments, as well as the Assembly of First Nations Quebec-Labrador (AFNQL). Her mandate includes advocating for increased support for adult learners, enhancing institutional accountability, and ensuring that the FNAESC continues to respond to the diverse needs of its 13 member communities and that of all AFNQL member communities.

About the FNAESC
The FNAESC is committed to providing high quality adult learning environments that focus on culturally relevant student-centered learning in a safe and healthy environment that reflects the values of First Nations and allows the students to gain the necessary knowledge and skills required for their future educational endeavours and employment. The FNAESC supports adult education services in Lac Simon, Kahnawake, Listuguj, Pessamit, Gesgapegiag, Pikogan, Kanesatake, Wemotaci, Montréal, Manawan, Opitciwan, Unamen Shipu, Roberval, Long Point, Barriere Lake and Val d'Or.

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