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Anishinabek Nation offers condolences to the community of North Spirit Lake

UOI OFFICES, Nipissing FN (January 11, 2012) – Anishinabek Nation Grand Council Chief Patrick Madahbee offers condolences to the families of the victims following the crash of a small plane yesterday in North Spirit Lake First Nation, 300 kilometres north of Kenora, Ontario.

Three passengers and the pilot were killed, with one survivor. All of the passengers worked for Aboriginal Strategies, a Winnipeg-based company which provides financial management services to First Nations.

“Our thoughts and prayers go out to the families and the community of North Spirit Lake First Nation who are dealing with this terrible tragedy,” says Madahbee.

The Anishinabek Nation established the Union of Ontario Indians as its secretariat in 1949. The UOI is a political advocate for 39 member communities across Ontario, representing approximately 55,000 people. The Union of Ontario Indians is the oldest political organization in Ontario and can trace its roots back to the Confederacy of Three Fires, which existed long before European contact.

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