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LABRADOR INNU LEADERS ACCEPT APOLOGY FROM HEAD OF NALCOR FOR RACISM AT THE COMPANY'S MUSKRAT FALLS SITE

HAPPY VALLEY-GOOSE BAY, LABRADOR, NL – Labrador Innu leaders met with Nalcor Energy's President and Chief Executive Officer yesterday on recent and ongoing incidents of racism at the company's Muskrat Falls project.

The Innu Nation and both Bands, Mushuau Innu First Nation and Sheshatshiu Innu First Nation had demanded zero tolerance for racism following what it calls a racially-motivated attack on 20-year old young Innu man and requested immediate action from the company. Innu leaders in their call to action on August 12th, had also insisted Nalcor agree to a review of the commitments under the IBA.

At a meeting yesterday between Innu and Nalcor, Ed Martin offered his personal apology to the youth and his family for the violence suffered at the Muskrat Falls project. Martin and Innu leadership also traveled to the site of the protest where he spoke directly to the Elders and heard the concerns of the protesters.

Grand Chief Qupee said that "she is pleased that Ed Martin responded as quickly as he did to the call-to-action and that requests for both an apology and a commitment for a bi-lateral review of the company's commitments under the IBA were achieved".

Accordingly Grand Chief Qupee notes that "just as the RCMP had to follow a process to lay charges for the attack, leadership must also follow a process to proactively deal with the issue and in light of Nalcor's response to the Nation's concerns they are encouraging a return to work."

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