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Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government Pays Homage to Former Premier Bernard Landry Following his Passing

Nemaska, Eeyou Istchee (November 7, 2018) – The Cree Nation Government is saddened by the loss of former Premier Bernard Landry. The province, as well as the Cree Nation, has lost a man of great vision and conviction.

Over the years, the Cree Nation and Mr. Landry forged a relationship transcending different cultures and languages. Their shared vision was of a Nation-to-Nation relationship between the Cree and Québec based on principles of mutual respect and collaboration for the benefit of both nations. With his unswerving belief in these principles, Mr. Landry showed true leadership in showing the way to a new and positive relationship between Québec and Indigenous peoples.

“It was a privilege to work with Mr. Landry on the Paix des Braves. He showed, not just vision and trust, but courage in his willingness to forge a new relationship between Québec and the Cree. The Paix des Braves was the result, and it marked a real turning point in the relationship between the Cree and Québec. It made possible effective implementation of the James Bay and Northern Québec Agreement, and it opened the way to a true partnership in governance and development in Eeyou Istchee.” – Grand Chief Dr. Abel Bosum

“I am deeply saddened at the passing of my friend and brother, former Premier Bernard Landry. Our relationship was one built on trust and respect, and it set the pattern for the renewed relationship between the Cree and Québec. We shared a confidence that, together, we could resolve the difficult issues that faced us at the time. The Paix des Braves that we crafted together has benefitted both the Cree and Québec enormously. It has become a model for the rest of Canada and beyond, and it could not have happened without Mr. Landry. I will miss him very much.” – Ted Moses, former Grand Chief and signatory to the Paix des Braves

Beyond this new relationship with Québec, the Cree Nation is thankful for the one it kept with Mr. Landry. Our deepest sympathies and condolences to Mr. Landry’s wife, Madame Chantal Renaud, his children and family, as well as his many friends from every corner of Québec. We have all lost a friend.

Farewell, Mr. Landry. A rest well-deserved for a truly brave man who has served his people and his nation well.

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