



Cat Lake First Nation Media Conference

What: Chief Russell Wesley observations on Cat Lake First Nation being forced into the courts by Ontario and implications of the successful injunction application

When: Tuesday, March 5, 2024, at 9:00 a.m.

Where: Media Studio, Legislative Building Room 148, Queen's Park, Toronto, ON

Note: Media not currently accredited by the Legislative Assembly are welcome to participate. Please register in advance with Gerald Christopher, Coordinator, Press Gallery at 416-325-7922 or gchristopher@ola.org

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CLFN thanks Sol Mamakwa MPP for Kiiwetinoong for sponsoring the media conference.



*Cat Lake First Nation (CLFN) is a remote fly-in First Nation reserve. It is home to 800 people speaking Ojibwe and English located 180 km northwest of Sioux Lookout, Ontario, The Ojibwe name is Bizhiw-zaaga'iganiing Nitam Anishinaabeg meaning "The First Nation at Wild-Cat Lake," where wild-cat refers to the **Canada lynx**. CLFN is a member of the Windigo First Nations Council, a non-political regional chiefs' council. In turn, the Windigo First Nations Council is a member of the Nishnawbe Aski Nation which represents 49, Treaty 9 communities.*

In late November 2023, Cat Lake First Nation Chief Russell Wesley addressed the Chiefs of Ontario (COO) conference (representing the 133 Ontario First Nation communities) in Toronto. During his speech, Chief Wesley unveiled a button that represents the strength and resilience of the Cat Lake First Nation community, as well as their unwavering commitment to defending their land and culture. COO passed a Resolution supporting Cat Lake First Nation at the Fall Chiefs Assembly on November 23, 2023..