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**PANEL
SPEAKER**

CHIEF GORDON BLUESKY

Chief, Brokenhead Ojibway Nation
Chairperson, First Nations Finance Authority
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Chief Gordon BlueSky was elected to serve his home community of Brokenhead Ojibway Nation (BON) in 2022 and was re-elected by acclamation in 2024. He also serves as Chairperson and Spokesperson for Treaty One Nations and as Chairperson of the First Nations Finance Authority (FNFA). Chief BlueSky is a results-based leader with extensive experience in lands governance, resource management, negotiations, economic development, and First Nations leadership.

Chief BlueSky's leadership and service have been recognized at the provincial and national levels, including being awarded the King Charles III Coronation Medal for his contributions to his community and First Nations leadership.

Prior to his election, Chief BlueSky served as Director of Lands for the Treaty One Development Corporation (T1DC), building upon his longstanding involvement with the Kapyong Barracks land claim, which began during its early initiation by BON in the 2000s. At Treaty One, he successfully led negotiations to finalize the Gaawijigemangit Agreement, the Municipal Development Services Agreement with the City of Winnipeg that secured essential infrastructure services for the Naawi-Oodena Treaty One Joint Reserve, for which he received the "Key to the City" from former Mayor of Winnipeg Brian Bowman in recognition of his work on the service agreement.

Prior to T1DC, Chief BlueSky accumulated 18 years of experience with Brokenhead Ojibway Nation, Fox Lake Cree Nation, and the Treaty Land Entitlement Committee of Manitoba. Throughout these roles, he championed important land claims with a primary focus on reserve creation, as well as land, environmental, and resource protection.

As Chief, BlueSky has continued to build upon this experience by advancing economic development, strategic investment, business ownership, infrastructure, and long-term wealth creation. His leadership has helped guide significant residential and commercial developments and new business investments, including BON's acquisition of Freed & Freed Manufacturing and Smitty's Westwood. Through his leadership roles with Treaty One Nations and FNFA, he continues to advocate for greater First Nations economic participation, jurisdiction, and opportunity.

Chief BlueSky is also a strong advocate for reform within child welfare and educational systems. His advocacy is informed by his lived experience in Canada's colonial history as a Sixties Scoop survivor who eventually returned home from the United States to rediscover his heritage and later became Chief of his home Nation.

A dedicated family man, Chief BlueSky is a husband and proud father of three daughters. As the only brother in a family of sisters, he carries tremendous respect for Ikwewag (women) and their roles as life givers.