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NOMINATION OF NEW CABINET: STELMACH KEEPS HIS WORD

Edmonton, 15 December, 2006 – The President of the French-Canadian Association of Alberta (ACFA), Mr. Jean Johnson, is pleased that new Premier of Alberta, Ed Stelmach, has kept his word: There is a Francophone voice in the cabinet. Mr Stelmach made that promise when he met with members of the Francophone community during the leadership race. Hector Goudreau is Franco-Albertan and understands the challenges Francophones face. Greg Melchin and Ted Morton are also fluent in French.

Mr. Johnson is convinced Hector Goudreau has the potential to play a key role in the cabinet: “The new Ministry he is responsible for includes many sectors important to the French community: Tourism, Culture and Community development”. The President of the ACFA is also satisfied with several of the others nominations: “We have developed good relations with some the new cabinet members including Lyle Oberg, Dave Hancock, Ray Danyluk and Ron Steevens.”

There are a lot of new faces in the cabinet. Nevertheless, Mr. Johnson is quite confident the ACFA will be able to establish good relations with all the new Ministers. He also stated the Francophone community is proud of the work done by the two former ministers, Denis Ducharme and Denis Hérard. They have been excellent ambassadors for all Alberta Francophones.

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