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## Statement from Chief Patricia Faries December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2016

On behalf of the Council and the Membership of the Moose Cree First Nation, I wish to extend my deepest condolences to Chief Randall Phillips and the people of the Oneida Nation of the Thames that are suffering a great loss as a result of a house fire on December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

The family is the foundation of First Nations communities. For a community and a family to lose five members including four children and their father at any time is devastating, for such a loss to occur at the start of the holiday season, with its anticipation of family togetherness and joy, is unimaginable.

We, the people of Moose Cree First Nation will keep the family and the Oneida Nation of the Thames in our hearts and remember them in our prayers as we share in their grief. And we ask the Creator to give them strength as they face the difficult days ahead.

Meegwetch,

Chief Patricia Faries