



Joint Statement in Support of James Smith Cree Nation and the community of Weldon

At this time of deep loss and trauma, the Saskatchewan Association of Social Workers (SASW) and the Canadian Association of Social Workers (CASW) stand in support and compassion with James Smith First Nation and the community of Weldon.

“Now is the time for the people of Saskatchewan, and indeed Canada, to come together in solidarity and support for families in these communities that have experienced unspeakable tragedy,” states CASW President, Joan Davis Whelan.

Social Workers understand grief, tragedy, and loss and call for long-term Government of Canada commitments to provide community-led supports for Cree Nation.

The impact of the loss of life and injuries are far reaching. “The healing journeys for the families that have experienced the horror of the attacks and all those affected will be intergenerational,” notes SASW President, Brenda Schock. “Support to James Smith First Nation and all those affected needs to extend beyond the immediate crisis response to long-term commitments to for psychological and social supports.”