



FOR APPROVAL

**MEMORANDUM TO THE ASSISTANT DEPUTY MINISTER
OFFICE OF STRATEGIC POLICY AND PLANNING
Response to a letter from Chief Peter Collins**

SUMMARY

- On March 19, 2020, the Minister of Health received a letter from Chief Peter Collins. The letter expressed concern regarding the health and safety of Fort William First Nation community members and COVID-19 testing.
- The draft letter included as Appendix A was prepared by PHAC's Correspondence Unit and reviewed by the OSPP Indigenous Policy Unit. Indigenous Services Canada was provided the opportunity to review but did not provide input for the draft response.
- Your approval of the enclosed draft response letter is requested by May 20.

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Appendices:

Appendix 1: Draft Response
Appendix 2: Incoming letter from Chief Peter Collins