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**The Assembly of First Nations Quebec-Labrador
offers condolences on the passing of Billy Two-Rivers**

Wendake, February 14, 2023 -The Assembly of First Nations Quebec-Labrador (AFNQL) is deeply saddened by the news of the passing of Billy Two-Rivers , who has been an inspiration locally, regionally, nationally and internationally in the many aspects and phases of his career.

In Indigenous cultures, the passing away of a loved one is often times an occasion for people to come together as a community, not only to offer support but also to commemorate and celebrate their life and the legacy they leave behind for future generations.

Billy Two-Rivers was a well known, internationally acclaimed successful professional wrestler who was also a trailblazer for many Indigenous athletes to follow.

Along with his dedication to the sport, Billy Two-Rivers also had a long career as a political leader, as Chief of the Mohawk Council of Kahnawake and committing a big part of his life to working for his community, and the broader Indigenous community. He was also very well known at the Assembly of First Nations by the Chiefs across Canada. He attended many gatherings as a chief and as an Elder.

On behalf of the AFNQL, and the many chiefs and former chiefs and councils that had the honor and privilege to work with him, today we wish to take a moment to extend our deepest condolences, but also take a moment to celebrate and honor the life that he lived, his numerous achievements, and the paths that he has paved for us today, and the future generations.

About the AFNQL

The Assembly of First Nations Quebec-Labrador is the regional political organization that brings together the 43 chiefs of the First Nations of Quebec and Labrador.
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