



FIREFLY is heartbroken to have become aware of an employee having made a racially insensitive and offensive comment in a public place on social media while having the FIREFLY name publically displayed on their profile. This individual's comment was an act of racism and in no way reflects the values and work of FIREFLY. FIREFLY denounces all forms of hate speech, racism and misinformation that has been circulating in our community.

FIREFLY is committed to helping children, youth and families, especially in these difficult pandemic times. We are committed to sharing information only from reliable sources such as the Northwestern Health Unit, First Nation/city/town officials, police services, hospitals and health access centres, and organizations such as All Nations Health Partners, Kenora Chiefs Advisory, Sioux Lookout First Nation Health Authority or Fort Frances Area Tribal Health Services.

We want our communities to feel safe and secure and we are committed to living our core values of heart, sharing and playing together, reaching beyond, empowerment and accountability. Our hearts go out to all of the children, youth, families and communities that have been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic and to those who were impacted by the racist comment by a member of our staff.

The matter is under investigation, however FIREFLY does not comment publicly on personnel matters.

