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CBC Radio One Interviews Trent Gervais About Wildfire Evacuation Support

Peterborough, Ontario: In early June, the Red Lake 12 wildfire forced over 2,000 residents to evacuate from Sandy Lake First Nation. With the help of The Loomex Group Ltd., 300 residents were evacuated to Peterborough, Ontario.

On June 26, 2025, Trent Gervais, president and CEO of The Loomex Group Ltd., sat down with Nav Nanwa, host of Ontario Morning on CBC Radio One, to discuss the evacuations. Mr. Gervais has worked with many First Nations communities throughout his career, and he told Ontario Morning that he considers himself fortunate to be in a position to assist when emergencies arise, stating: "I would do it every day, all day, just to help these people." Mr. Gervais also praised the level of support that has been provided by local First Nations communities, the First Peoples' House of Learning at Trent University, the Nogojiwanong Friendship Centre, Peterborough Public Health, and the City of Peterborough.

Mr. Gervais explained how The Loomex Group Ltd. and its partners have prepared a plan to get the evacuees home once authorities give them the all-clear. He also said that evacuees are adjusting well to their temporary situation, thanks in part to the support and donations of local community members. "It can be taxing," Mr. Gervais said, "but [evacuees] are finding their groove at the Trent University residence, and I think they're doing really well [...] being able to see a bit of the Peterborough community and discovering a bit of Southern Ontario, which kind of helps distract from some of the realities of what they've gone through."

You can listen to the full interview on the CBC Listen website.

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