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## Recovery efforts underway at Grandmother's Bay

*Treaty 5, 6, 8 & 10 Territory.* The Lac La Ronge Indian Band community of Grandmother's Bay is continuing recovery efforts for a community member who was reported missing on Sunday afternoon. It was reported that three community members left Grandmother's Bay on Saturday night, heading to Stanley Mission. The families of the three community members filed a missing person report and search efforts began Sunday with local searchers from Grandmother's Bay and Stanley Mission, with the assistance of the RCMP and CASARA Air, Search and Rescue.

Late Sunday evening community searchers located snowmobile tracks leading to open water, in the vicinity of the old church site, two kilometers from Grandmother's Bay, on the Churchill River. Recovery efforts began Monday morning and two of the three missing persons were recovered from the water -- one was recovered on Monday morning and the second recovered late Monday night. The recovery teams utilized Remote Operated Vehicles (ROV's), underwater cameras and boats to locate and recover. The search team worked until midnight Monday night when the decision was made to continue the recovery efforts early Tuesday morning for the third missing person.

"On behalf of the community of Grandmother's Bay, we want to thank everyone for the outpouring of support in the on-going recovery efforts. Thank you to Grandmother's Bay and Stanley Mission ROV operators and searchers, Prince Albert Grand Council's Search, Rescue and Recovery team, all searchers, helpers, cooks and those providing transportation, coordination and communication support. I also want to thank the Anglican Church's clergy, the community members who held a candlelight vigial, and everyone for your continued prayers and support. We extend our heartfelt condolences to the families and the community of Grandmother's Bay -- our thoughts and prayers are with all of you during this most difficult time," said Chief Tammy Cook-Searson, Lac La Ronge Indian Band.

"We extend our deepest condolences to and show solidarity with the family and community of Grandmother's Bay during this time of mourning. For many years, our communities have relied on the experience of Grandmother's Bay search, rescue, and recovery team for past searches, so it was important for us to come to them during their time of need and help them find the closure needed during times like these," said Grand Chief Brian Hardlotte, Prince Albert Grand Council.

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