



PRINCE ALBERT GRAND COUNCIL

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PAGC holding a peaceful rally in response to Gerald Stanley verdict

Prince Albert. On Sunday, February 11th, the Prince Albert Grand Council will hold a rally at the Saskatchewan Court of the Queen's Bench to stand in solidarity with the family of Colten Boushie and his community of Red Pheasant First Nation following the not-guilty verdict in the Gerald Stanley trial. PAGC joins the nation-wide call for fundamental change to the provincial and federal justice system.

"We are devastated by the decision and we support an appeal and a closer assessment of the judicial process. It has been 150 years since the Treaties were signed, yet First Nations continue to face injustices and discrimination at all levels of society. It is important now, more than ever before, to end the deep systemic racism embedded in the judicial process and bring meaning to the tragic loss of this young man," said PAGC Grand Chief Brian Hardlotte.

"This verdict represents another test of what 'Truth and Reconciliation' truly means. If we are to build a fair and just society, then we must all stand together in solidarity and call for Canada – its legislative, executive and judicial -- to expedite this change through purposeful dialogue and concrete policies on matters ranging from policing to jury selection to Indigenous representation. To this end, a full public inquiry into this case and a judicial inquest into the larger issues within the justice system are necessary in order to achieve lasting solutions that will benefit all," stated Grand Chief Hardlotte.

The event is open to the general public. The rally will begin at 4 pm, followed by a supper and candlelight vigil at the Senator Allan Bird gym.

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