

## **AFN YUKON REGION PRESS RELEASE**

### **AFN Yukon Regional Chief Adamek Stands in Support of Colten Boushie and Family at “Justice for Colten” Gathering in Whitehorse, YK**

**Tuesday February 13, 2018:** (Whitehorse, YK) – Assembly of First Nations (AFN) Yukon Regional Chief Kluane Adamek stood in support of Colten Boushie and his family in their calls for justice for Colten, and for fundamental reforms to ensure justice and fairness for all First Nations people.

“Canadians across the country are shocked, saddened and deeply disturbed by the “not guilty” verdict in this trial,” said Regional Chief Adamek. “A young man was killed, shot in the back of the head at point blank range, and his killer is free. Justice has not been done, and that is a travesty. Our thoughts and prayers are with Colten Boushie's family and community.”

Gerald Stanley was facing second-degree murder charges in the shooting death of Colten Boushie, 22, from the Red Pheasant Cree Nation in Saskatchewan. The incident occurred on Stanley's farm in August 2016. Stanley was found “not guilty” in a verdict delivered by the jury last Friday evening. There were many concerns and conflicting stories raised during the trial, and there did not appear to be any Indigenous people serving on the jury.

Regional Chief Adamek stated: “It is clear and well-established that Canada's justice system is failing Canada. It's time for action on the fundamental reforms that are needed to ensure Canada's justice system truly provides justice for all. It is time we move to a better system that values First Nation lives.”

Today's “Justice for Colten” gathering took place at noon in downtown Whitehorse and was organized by young leaders, Our Voices, a Yukon Indigenous Emerging Leaders collective.

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