

# JUSTICE FOR COLTEN

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**Winnipeg joins a national call for action in solidarity with the family of Colten Boushie-  
#JusticeForColten**

**Treaty 1 territory - Winnipeg, Manitoba.**

On February 9, 2018 people across Canada watched the legal system fail the family and community of Colten Boushie. On August 9, 2016 Colten Boushie was shot and killed while he was sleeping after he and his friends stopped at the Stanley's farm for help near Biggar, Saskatchewan.

Along with several issues related to the trial, one of the main concerns is that the courts removed any visibly Indigenous jurors from the criminal trial. Gerald Stanley was acquitted of second-degree murder by an all-white jury.

"This sends a poor message across Canada that if you are an Indigenous man, a white man can shoot you in the back of the head and be found #NOTGUILTY by an all white jury. There is no reconciliation without justice," said Leah Gazan.

"This decision has signalled to Indigenous peoples that we cannot fully depend on the Canadian Judicial System to bring forward justice for addressing the blatant racist acts against Indigenous peoples in Canada," said Sadie-Phoenix Lavoie.

"Canadians and Indigenous People from all walks of life are invited to join the #JusticeforColten movement and show solidarity, refusing to let Canada continue along a path of racism and division," said Niigaan Sinclair.

With the blessing of the Boushie family, Indigenous peoples along with many non-Indigenous Canadians are coordinating a National Day of Action calling for Justice for Colten Boushie. We are asking for changes to the Canadian criminal justice system and justice for the family of Colten Boushie.

**An action is planned in the City of Winnipeg;**

**When: February 10, 2018 between 2 pm & 5 pm.**

**Where:** Speeches will take place beginning at 2 pm at the Oodena Celebration Circle (The Forks), followed by a march to Manitoba Law Courts at 409 York Avenue, onto the RCMP "D" Division headquarters (1091 Portage Avenue).

**We are asking that people bring their drums.**

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