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## **ONE YEAR LATER, STILL AWAITING JUSTICE FOR CHANTEL MOORE**

One year ago today, 26 year old Nuuchahnulth Chantel Moore was shot and killed during a wellness check by Edmundston Police force in New Brunswick. She was a mother and had her whole life to live.

The horror of Chantel Moore being shot multiple times by police in her own home has not been forgotten and we continue to seek Justice for Chantel.

Ironically, the day Chantel was shot was the one-year anniversary of the report from the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered, Indigenous Women and Girls (MMIWG) being issued. It is now two years since the anniversary of that report, and yesterday a draft action plan was issued on how the MMIWG report can be implemented. Reports and plans are words, but what we need is action now, on the ground, in our communities we live in, to prevent the senseless shootings of Indigenous peoples by police. These police shootings of Indigenous peoples have to stop.

In the days following this shooting, Nuuchahnulth reached out to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Public Safety Minister Bill Blair, Marc Miller, Minister of Indigenous Services and RCMP Commissioner Brenda Lucki and asked for the following:

- Put in place a task force to make recommendations on wellness checks
- Replace police with trauma informed teams
- Implement a multi-pronged Indigenous de-escalation training
- Create a national Indigenous-led police oversight body
- Establish a national protocol for police investigations
- Redirect “public safety” funding to services that increase community safety
- Establish a national protocol for police engagement with Indigenous peoples

President Judith Sayers asks “PM Trudeau, Minister Bill Blair, and Commissioner Lucki, what have you done in the past year since Chantel Moore was shot to death to prevent shooting of Indigenous people by police? Nuuchahnulth have suffered two more police shootings in this time, so we don’t see you have done anything to stop these shootings”.

Sayers goes on to say “Chantel Moore’s death was a tragedy and a great loss to her family and Nation, but the bigger tragedy is that there have been no positive changes to policing or consequences for police officers who have shot First nations people, and so our people continue to be shot by police.”

It has been a very long, difficult year for Chantel Moore’s family waiting for answers as to whether the police officer who shot her will be charged for her death. Her family should not still be waiting for answers and for justice.

Nuuchahnulth call on governments to account for these shootings and make changes as we have asked, to address systemic racism in the justice system, and take immediate measures to eradicate race and gender-based violence that is too prevalent in policing. There are many immediate solutions we asked for that were never implemented. These and the MMIWG recommendations are key to saving Indigenous lives.

Real reconciliation means Indigenous lives are respected and valued by all, including police officers.

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About Nuuchahnulth Tribal Council

The Nuuchahnulth Tribal Council (NTC) provides programs and services to over 10,000 registered members. The role of the NTC is to represent 14 First Nations in three regions stretching 300 kilometers of the Pacific Coast of Vancouver Island from Brooks Peninsula in the north to Point-no-Point in the south. The NTC represents Ahousaht, Ditidaht, Ehattesaht/Chinehkint, Hesquiaht, Hupacasath, Huu-ay- aht, Kyuquot/Checklesah, Mowachaht /Muchalaht, Nuchatlaht, Tla-o-qui-aht, Toquaht, Tseshaht, Uchucklesaht and Ucluelet First Nations and provides a variety of programs and services to them.

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