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St. Albert Public Library and Michif Cultural Connections host screening of *nîpawistamâsowin: We Will Stand Up*

ST. ALBERT — St. Albert Public Library and Michif Cultural Connections are partnering to present a community screening of the award-winning documentary *nîpawistamâsowin: We Will Stand Up* on Thursday, March 12 at 6:00 p.m. at the downtown St. Albert Public Library. Host Sharon Morin of Michif Cultural Connections will facilitate an audience discussion after the screening.

Sensitively directed by Tasha Hubbard, *nîpawistamâsowin: We Will Stand Up* follows the family of the late Colten Boushie, a young Cree man fatally shot in a Saskatchewan farmyard, and their tireless work to advocate for Colten and justice within Canada’s legal system. Hubbard contextualizes Colten’s story within her own life as a Cree woman who was raised in an adoptive white family.

The Toronto Star calls *nîpawistamâsowin: We Will Stand Up* “a powerful work of activist cinema.” A reviewer at the Gimli, Manitoba film festival says the film offers “intimate access to the pain of not only losing a son and brother but of having him turned into a symbol of the human casualties of Canada’s systemic racism and broken legal system.”

nîpawistamâsowin: We Will Stand Up has appeared at film festivals across the country and internationally, and won the following awards in 2019: Best Canadian Feature – Hot Docs Canadian International Documentary Festival, Toronto; Colin Low Award for Canadian Documentary – DOXA Documentary Film Festival, Vancouver; Calgary International Film Festival – Special Jury Prize for Social Justice.

“At the Library, we embrace the responsibility to make space for Indigenous voices and to provide an opportunity for public education on the topics of colonialism and anti-Indigenous racism,” says Geoff Manderscheid, Adult Library Assistant at St. Albert Public Library. “This screening and discussion will take place in a supportive viewing and learning environment.”

Host Sharon Morin notes, “We stand up for our rights. We stand up for our way of doing. We stand up for our community and we stand up for our children. What will you stand up for?”

The film screening is free and open to the public. For more information or to register to save your seat, visit www.sapl.ca.

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