



PRINCE ALBERT GRAND COUNCIL

MEDIA RELEASE

Monday, December 17, 2018

PAGC welcomes the appointment of new PAPS Deputy Chief

Prince Albert. Prince Albert Grand Council Grand (PAGC) Grand Chief Brian Hardlotte, Vice Chief Joseph Tsannie and Vice Chief Christopher Jobb today welcome the appointment of Jason Stonechild as the new Deputy Chief for the Prince Albert Police Service (PAPS).

In response to his appointment Grand Chief Hardlotte said, "On behalf of the Prince Albert Grand Council, I want to congratulate Jason Stonechild on his promotion to one of PAPS's highest ranks. For all of his years of service, he has demonstrated a proven track record for being a fair, thoughtful and progressive leader in policing matters. This is a key appointment that will help to ensure that diversity and inclusivity drive key administrative and policy decisions in Prince Albert. For PAGC, having Indigenous representation at its highest levels means more clearer and balanced approaches to addressing complex socio-economic, cultural and racial issues facing our Indigenous people who are grossly over-represented in our overall justice system."

"I am grateful to Mayor Greg Dionne and Police Chief Jon Bergen for meeting with us to discuss our concerns and for their efforts to build trust and improve communication with PAGC as valued community members. Building and maintaining positive relations with the PAPS is even more strengthened with the appointment of Sheryl Kimbley to the Prince Albert Board of Police Commissioners. Each of these changes are encouraging signs that our police service is heading in a positive direction, and I am confident we are on the right track to ensuring a climate of safety, security and mutual respect for every citizen of Prince Albert who calls this city home."

-30-

Media enquiries may be directed to:

Contact Name: Tina Pelletier, Prince Albert Grand Council
Phone: 306-953-7242 or 306-941-7120