

CONFEDERACY OF **TREATY SIX** FIRST NATIONS



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To the Family and Citizens of La Loche:

On behalf of my fellow Treaty No. 6 Chiefs, I am writing to extend sincere and heartfelt condolences at this most difficult time. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the people of La Loche and with the friends and families of all those affected by this terrible tragedy. We may never know what happened and how it happened or why it happened, but we hope that our prayers will comfort those suffering from loss and injury.

I am personally so sorry to hear about this great tragedy that touches us all. We are shocked and saddened and join in unified effort to work together to identify the needs, priorities and services required to prevent violence in all our communities. I too am committed to working with all governments, at all levels, to take action to prevent such senseless violence and to ensure safety and security for everyone in Canada and especially the safety and security of our children and young people, as expressed by National Chief Perry Bellegarde.

Right now, our thoughts and prayers are with you and we stand with you, in support and will do whatever we can to assist during this difficult time. I humbly ask our Chiefs and Elders to send prayers to those grieving and working to heal.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tony Alexis', written over a faint background image of a feathered headdress.

Chief Tony Alexis, Alexis Nakoda Sioux Nation
Grand Chief of the Confederacy of Treaty Six First Nations

cc: Chiefs of the Confederacy of Treaty Six First Nations