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## Marv Machura Releases New Neo-Folk Song and Video About the Chilcotin War of 1864

Marv Machura has released a new, neo-folk song and related music video that tells the story of the Chilcotin War.

The Chilcotin War started when the Colony of British Columbia sent a road building crew into Chilcotin Territory in an attempt to build a road from Bute Inlet to the Caribou Gold Fields. The Chilcotin attempted to negotiate terms for this project but were rejected. After about a year of incidents and crimes, the Chilcotin, led by Chief Klatasine, declared war on the invaders and attacked one of the road building crews.

The war continued through the summer of 1864 as the Colony sent in an armed force to fight the Chilcotin and capture Klatasine and his followers.

Klatasine and his followers were never defeated, but were tricked into entering peace negotiations in August of that year. Once Klatasine and his men arrived in good faith for the negotiations, they were arrested, imprisoned, and hanged for murder.

Klatisine's final words were "We meant war-not murder."

In 2018, the Canadian government officially apologized and exonerated Klatasine and the others for the tragic events the Chilcotin War.

Marv Machura is singer-songwriter who has released four CDs and published 20 songs in Nashville. He performs as a solo or with his band "The Kokanee Cowboys." This song is part of a new album of songs that Machura plans to release later this year.

Machura's music is described as "Neo-folk" and is known for writing songs about Western Canadian topics, both historic and contemporary.

For more information, please see <u>www.marvmachura.com</u> and to view the new video release, see <u>https://youtu.be/M4molrSF2TQ</u>

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