

7 Steps to

Creating a Citizen Led

Grand Jury

When officials fail to defend the Constitution, citizens must take action!

It is time for people to create a grand jury. A constitutional nation relies on its officials being openly committed to the rule of law and protecting the people's rights. We must hold officials accountable, when those entrusted with public power refuse to affirm their duty to defend the constitution, protect fundamental freedoms, uphold the rule of law, a serious situation has occurred.

Citizens are the sovereign source of authority, public officials are temporary stewards, not powerless observers, and citizens are the lawful source of sovereign authority.

When normal channels of accountability fail, citizens must re establish oversight.

One of the most important mechanisms for this purpose is the grand jury.

The grand jury is the citizen oversight of government power, its the common law institution that pre-dates modern democracy. Servicing to place c citizens between government power and injustice.

Historically grand juries have the authority to investigate misconduct, examine evidence, summon witnesses, determine if crimes occurred.

They protected the public from abuse of authority and belong to the people. This institution developed form the same constitutional tradition that produced the:

- Magna Carta
- English Common Law
- Parliamentary Decocracy
- and the rule of law itself.

These principles became part of Canada's Constitutional structure through the Canadian Constitution Act 1867, establishing a system similar to that of the UK, including citizen oversight in the justice system.

Citizen oversight is needed now due to serious concerns across Canada. Including the erosion of open court processes, expansion of administrative decision making and declining public accountability.

When citizens ask officials to confirm their commitment to the constitution and those officials refuse to answer, clearly the problem is NOT the question, the problem is the silence.

In a constitutional democracy officials should have no difficulty answering these questions.

“Do you affirm your duty to uphold the constitution and protect the rights and freedoms of the people”

If officials can't answer directly, citizens are justified in taking the next lawful steps...

—organizing citizen oversight through the grand jury principle.

A citizen's grand jury movement's goal is NOT chaos, or mob rule, the goal is lawful, peaceful, constitutional oversight carried out by citizens.

The following steps are used in creating a citizen led Grand Jury.

STEP 1 – Form a citizen committee

This committee should include respected community members, retired professionals, tradespeople, educators, veterans, clergy, community leaders and small business owners.

STEP 2 – Issue a Public Declaration

The committee must declare a commitment to the constitution, peaceful, lawful action, evidence based investigation, and protecting civil liberties.

The citizen's grand jury exists to examine serious matters and public concerns and address situations where government accountability appears to have failed.

STEP 3 – Send Formal Constitutional Questions

Officials must first be given the opportunity to answer.

Questions should be sent to various elected and appointed officials

Officials should affirm commitment to:

- The Constitution
- The Rule of Law
- Protection of fundamental freedoms
- Due process and open courts
- Canadian sovereignty

The absence of a clear answer suggests some officials may believe they are exempt from their constitutional duties.

This is the issue the grand jury initiative addresses.

STEP 4 – Establish Evidence Procedures, and establish the grand jury.

After receiving unsatisfactory responses, the citizen committee will select a grand jury of 23 people at random from the community.

The grand jury will elect a foreman, and a deputy foreman, they will develop rules and appoint an unbiased legal advisor.

It must be a non partisan, neutral body.

STEP 5 – Select Citizen Jurors and publish the Grand Jury’s establishment

The Committee must inform the public, officials and law enforcement that a citizen led grand jury is now active.

STEP 6 – Hold Public Hearings

- Hearings must be open
- Witnesses may present evidence
- Officials should be invited to respond
- Transparency protects legitimacy

STEP 7 – Grand Jury Deliberation

The Grand Jury deliberates and issues an “Indictment of Misfeasance”.

The indictment describes the findings and identifies the remedies to restore public trust and constitutional order.

STEP 8 – Distribute the Indictment.

The indictment is served upon all officials who received the initial questions and is provided to all media outlets.

STEP 9 – Hold Officials Accountable

Once facts are established, officials are held accountable by their electors and the grand jury is dissolved.

This process re-establishes citizen oversight over public officials through lawful, peaceful and constitutional means.

The Grand Jury initiative is essential for restoring constitutional order and public confidence when government accountability fails.

It empowers citizens to defend the rule of law.

Understanding this will help you exercise your constitutional rights to establish citizen led oversight and demand accountability from public officials.

This initiative provides the tools for citizens to establish oversight and restore constitutional order.

