Caledonian Resident Jim Bruzzese Blames the Residents of Caledonia

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In the July 12, 2008 edition of the Brantford Expositor we read the following:

> BMA specializes in municipal finances and infrastructure for municipalities across Ontario. The firm, led by Jim Bruzzese and Catherine Minshall, is regarded as an authority in municipal financial affairs.
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> "I live in Caledonia and have seen first-hand the impact of the crisis that is ongoing in that community," Bruzzese said in a prepared statement. "The adversarial position in Caledonia has taken an incredible toll in both financial and human terms.
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> "If our study can help all of the parties involved find a better way to work together then maybe the tragedy of Caledonia can be averted."

Since these words are part of a story covering the attempt by Brantford builders to transfer the Extortion payments demanded by native thugs off their shoulders to local municipal taxpayers – meaning that Brantford taxpayers should pay the Extortion fees so builders can keep making money - then I would understand Mr. Bruzzese's words to mean that the people of Caledonia should have done whatever it took to appease the criminals who have done so much harm to their town instead of resisting the ongoing lawlessness.

If one agrees with this logic, it was the 'adversarial position' of the people of Caledonia, not the repeated illegal actions of the Native Protesters, that caused the financial and human costs to the community. If Sam Gaultieri just had not gone back into his daughter's home then he wouldn't have been beaten. If the CHTV camera crew had just turned over the video evidence of Native Protesters swarming an Elderly couple then they too would not have been beaten. If the US border guards had just voluntarily handed over the keys to their van then they would not have been attacked.

I'm not sure what Mr. Bruzzese's true views are but the mere suggestion that the residents of Caledonia are to be blamed for the financial and human cost in Caledonia is outrageous.

Is Mr. Bruzzese suggesting that the people of Caledonia forfeit their Charter Rights and hide under their beds until the criminals decide when it is okay for them to speak up? Is Mr. Bruzzese suggesting to Dave and Dana that it is their 'adversarial position' that caused them to be victims of unmitigated thuggery for more than 2 years? Maybe Mr. Bruzzese could explain to the people living on Thistlemoor, Braemar and Sixth Line exactly how their 'adversarial position' caused the problems they have endured by native lawbreakers.

I can understand Mr. Bruzzese's B.S. since he just landed himself a new paying job to attempt to appease the criminals with taxpayers' money, but attempting to blame the victims of the criminal activities as being the cause of the violence against them is going too far.

Sorry Mr. Bruzzese, I vehemently disagree with your position that the residents' so-called 'adversarial position' is the cause of the 'incredible toll in both financial and human terms' in Caledonia. But then again I am not being paid to find ways to get the municipal taxpayers to pay Extortion.

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