

## Canadian Advocates for Charter Equality



When Freedom demands action

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### "Protect our Families" Rally

Since May 2006 the OPP has allowed Native protesters to control Hwy #6 overpasses in Caledonia. David Peterson, on behalf of McGuinty's government, signed an agreement to ensure that the OPP are not allowed to use 6<sup>th</sup> Line. As such the families living on 6<sup>th</sup> Line have not had policing for over two years.

Their refusal to patrol portions of Caledonia that are NOT part of the Six Nations Reserve also means that the OPP have done nothing to stop the numerous examples of people throwing objects from the overpass onto vehicles below. Mayor Trainer was on CHCH TV in August 2006 and reported two trucks had been hit by metal objects. On September 6, 2006 the Regional News ran a story about how a driver, whose vehicle had been hit by a rock from the overpass, had to run and catch the person while OPP just watched. The story stated:

*However police just sat in the park adjacent to the train bridge while the incident was taking place, noted the woman. And another local homeowner backs up her story. An officer sitting in the park nearby said he wasn't responsible for anything "on that side".*

Over the months that followed more vehicles were damaged and it wasn't until June 2007 that the OPP did a Press Release warning the public of the problem and stated the people responsible would be charged with Mischief Endangering Life. Of course, no one has been charged nor has the OPP done anything to prevent further problems. Over the past few weeks the media has reported more vehicles have been hit by rocks.

This cannot be allowed to continue...the lives of everyone using the #6 bypass are directly endangered due to the fact that the OPP refuse to drive down 6<sup>th</sup> Line and patrol the overpasses. I will no longer allow my family to be endangered due to political correctness.

### "Protect our Families" Rally

at Haldimand OPP Detachment  
Highway #54, Cayuga  
Friday, August 22, 2008 at 10 a.m.

#### ***We demand the following:***

- 1) Fences be built on the overpasses to ensure no one can throw objects from them.
- 2) Until the fences are built we demand 24/7 OPP presence on the overpasses.
- 3) Restoration of full OPP policing on 6th Line.

To the residents of Caledonia who think that by doing nothing they are safe... think again, because the next vehicle hit could be yours. Please join us at the Haldimand OPP Detachment in Cayuga to demand practical changes that could save someone's life.

Mayor Trainer and Toby Barrett have been invited to speak at the rally. Any council member who wishes to speak is welcomed to do so.

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