

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION FOR CANACE FOUNDERS

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Gary McHale

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Gary McHale is a full time Civil Rights Advocate working to stop violence and OPP racially-based policing during Aboriginal land claims.

He has been an entrepreneur all his life, creating, selling and servicing accounting software for mid to large corporations. He trades on his extensive experience with the Income Tax Act by offering tax preparation services. Gary is also a world-class wildlife photographer who has travelled extensively with wife Christine to capture images for their series of interactive wildlife CD ROM's which they were about to take to market prior to becoming involved in the Caledonia issue. Despite having invested countless hours and funds in the design and production of the series the McHales put their business plans on hold to dedicate their time to oppose racially-based policing practices of the OPP.

Mr. McHale attended a Baptist Seminary and has been a deacon in the church, and preached and/ or taught in various churches in Ontario. He has also authored several Christian books. His activism in Caledonia arises out of his deeply-held religious belief that he as a Christian has a duty to speak out against the injustices of race-based policing even if it means travelling to another community.

- Co-founder and Executive Director for Canadian Advocates for Charter Equality (www.CANACE.ca).
- Received [4,821 votes \(10% of popular vote\) in 2008 federal election](#) in riding of Haldimand-Norfolk as independent candidate running primarily on 'law and order' platform highlighting suffering of innocent Caledonia residents. Took every poll in Caledonia except two in which he placed second, beating incumbent Conservative cabinet minister and high profile Liberal candidate. Official campaign website: <http://www.garymchale.ca/>
- Organizer of Oct 15/06 inaugural 'March for Freedom' in Caledonia which attracted extraordinary media attention on the 2,000 people who peacefully marched through Caledonia to protest against 'Two Tier Justice' in their town. Guest speakers included MPP Toby Barrett, Ipperwash resident/community leader Mary-Lou LaPratte and Caledonia resident Anne-Marie VanSickle.
- Co-organizer and speaker at numerous peaceful public protests against racially-based law enforcement in Caledonia/Haldimand County during the ongoing land claim dispute.
- Editor of CaledoniaWakeUpCall.com, written numerous editorials related to Caledonia, Ipperwash land claim lawlessness and human rights issues. Averages approx. 450,000 stories read per month by 18,000 unique visitors that include government agencies across Canada and 138 major corporations in North America. Two year totals (as of July 23/08): 62.6 million hits, 16.8 million files downloaded, 926 GB of data transferred.

Listed as an external reference in Wikipedia.org encyclopedia under '[Caledonia Land Dispute.](#)'

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- Key source for feature article on Caledonia crisis, ‘[The Road to Anarchy](#)’ by Western Standard magazine, Sept 11/06.
- Regular columnist in Caledonia-based Regional News since December 2008. His columns can be read at www.caledoniawakeupcall.com/
- Successfully gathered necessary evidence to lay [9 charges](#) – Extortion, Intimidation and Mischief – via Private Prosecution provision of the Criminal Code against two well known native protesters responsible for illegal occupations and construction site shut-downs in Hagersville, Cayuga and Brantford. Families now live in a finished Cayuga development. Mr. McHale has an Application before the Court to overturn the Crown’s decision to drop the Extortion and Intimidation charges.
- Conducted legal research to assist CANACE co-founder Jeff Parkinson in setting a Canadian legal precedent by winning two important Ontario Superior Court of Justice rulings related to the right of citizens to file private prosecutions in *Parkinson v. R., 2009* (listed on CanLII as [R. v. Parkinson, 2009 CanLII 729 \(ON S.C.\)](#)), and *Parkinson v. R., 2008* (listed on CanLII as [R. v. Parkinson, 2008 CanLII 68177 \(ON S.C.\)](#)) The Crown had convinced a Justice of the Peace to dismiss charges of Mischief against two OPP officers for assisting native protesters in blockading private property to keep the legal owner out even though there was evidence to support the charge. Mr. Parkinson and Mr. McHale were successful in convincing Justice [T.D. Marshall](#) to issue an Order of Mandamus to effectively compel the issuance of process for the charges.
- Made legal history on July 02/09 by winning an Ontario Superior Court of Justice ruling - [McHale v. R., 2009](#) - which severely limits the Crown’s ability to interfere with right of a citizen to file a private prosecution. The Crown and Justice of the Peace had prevented Mr. McHale from presenting evidence against three senior government officials who played a role in allowing a Caledonia occupation to continue. He was successful in using an Order of Mandamus to compel a new hearing which is now pending.

Of special note in this case is that Justice Marshall emphasized the vital importance to Canadian democracy of the issues Mr. McHale was bringing before the Court by calling the right of a citizen to bring private charges against government officials ‘a bulwark of democracy.’ He also quoted from one of the fathers of the United States Constitution:

[46] Indeed, [Alexander Hamilton](#) wrote in [The Federalist Papers](#) at page 78:
“Considerate men...ought to prize whatever will tend to...fortify that temper in the courts (independence); as no one can be sure that he may not be tomorrow the victim of a spirit of injustice, by which he may be a gainer today.”

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Mr. McHale has no formal legal training.

- Co-organizer and speaker at various public townhall meetings and legal education workshops in Caledonia and Cayuga, Ontario, most recently on May 07/08: [Video links](#)
- [Invited speaker](#) at University of Waterloo, Nov 01/07 re effects of landclaim lawlessness on residents.
- Participated in hundreds of media interviews regarding Caledonia crisis.
- Provided organizational support for the Ipperwash Papers project re failures of official Ipperwash Inquiry www.ipperwashpapers.ca, see also VoiceofCanada, [Ipperwash Papers feature](#))
- Author, CANACE report: [CANACE report: Cost of Native Occupations](#)
- Co-author, CANACE report: [Legalized MYTHS of Illegal Occupations](#)
- Co-author, CANACE report: [The Human Costs of Illegal Occupations](#)
- Organizer and speaker at [Ipperwash Papers](#) news conference in Queen's Park Media Studio, March 14/07.
- Co-author: [McGuinty's Ipperwash Cover-up: The Caledonia Legacy](#), first published as two-part series by Caledonia-based Regional News, Feb 18-25/09.
- Organizer and speaker at [FantinoGate](#) news conference in Queen's Park Media Studio, April 17/07 re complaints against OPP Commissioner Fantino.
- Speaker at [Illegal Smokeshacks](#) news conference in Queen's Park Media Studio, Dec 04/07 following violent attacks by native smokeshack supporters on peaceful citizens protesting against sales of tobacco to Caledonia children.
- One of four people arrested in Caledonia by OPP for attempting to place a Canadian flag on a public utility pole across the street from the occupied Douglas Creek Estates to protest against racial policing. Mr. McHale was arrested on Dec 16/06 with Mark Vandermaas, and was held in jail overnight without charge. Lawsuits by both men are before the Court, and complaints are before the Ontario Human Rights Commission.
- One of three CANACE co-founders portrayed in artist Barb Patterson-Tuck's 2008 depiction of the Caledonia crisis called, ['Caught in the Middle'](#). Gary is shown in the lower right point of the maple leaf in the centre. Note: CANACE had no prior knowledge of its inclusion in this work.
- Listed in Wikipedia.org category of 'Living People' under ['Gary McHale.'](#)

Mr. McHale's accomplishments are remarkable considering the obstacles he has been forced to overcome. See ['CANACE fights for Canadians against incredible odds](#) at CANACE.ca.'

Mark Vandermaas
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Mark Vandermaas is a former member of the Canadian Forces who has served with a United Nations peacekeeping force in the Middle East where he personally saw the remnants of war. His parents suffered under Nazi occupation and watched Jews taken away to be murdered. His father escaped from a Nazi work camp. Having sworn an oath to defend Canadian values at the risk of his own life he feels a deeply-held sense of duty to speak out against what he perceives as racially-based policing and threats to the Canadian rule of law.

Mark has an Ontario real estate broker's licence and, prior to becoming involved in the struggle against OPP race-based policing, was nearing completion of a comprehensive, online real estate college based on his educational seminars and experience with first time homebuyers.

After his arrest on Dec 16/06 while attempting to raise a Canadian flag in Caledonia Mark put his real estate career and award-winning real estate college concept on hold to become a full time activist working to stop violence and OPP civil rights violations during native land claims.

- Co-founder, and Advisor, Canadian Advocates for Charter Equality (www.CANACE.ca).
- Served as United Nations peacekeeper with Canadian Forces, Egypt, 1978
- Holds Level II (Secret) security clearance, expiry Feb 11/13
- Registered Ontario Real Estate Broker, lic. #3013106
- First prize winner of 1999 McMaster University Business Plan Competition for online real estate education concept.
- Basic Universal Mediation certificate, studied under Franklin Corner, Q.C., C.Med
- Editor of VoiceofCanada.ca and CANACE.ca. Authored over 300 articles on VoiceofCanada documenting the struggle to end race-based policing in Caledonia, Ipperwash, Brantford, & Deseronto etc. with over 300,000 pages viewed to date.

Listed as a news source for coverage of the Caledonia, Six Nations land dispute on the Yahoo! CANADA News '[In Depth - First Nations](#)' feature.

Listed as an external reference in online encyclopedia, Wikipedia.org, under '[Caledonia Land Dispute](#).'

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- Creator of Caledonia information video, '[March for Freedom: The Struggle to Restore Equal Justice in Ontario, Canada](#)', October 2006.
- [Invited speaker](#) at University of Waterloo, Nov 01/07 re effects of landclaim lawlessness on residents.

- Interviewed by various radio and print media outlets covering Caledonia crisis.
 - Project leader for Ipperwash Papers project documenting failures of Ipperwash Inquiry. www.ipperwashpapers.ca (See also VoiceofCanada: [Ipperwash Papers feature](#).)
- Speaker at [Ipperwash Papers](#) news conference in Queen's Park Media Studio, March 14/07.
- Interviewed and quoted by Western Standard magazine for July 02/07 feature story on the failures of the Ipperwash Inquiry: ['Protection Racket: An Ontario judge glosses over illegal aboriginal acts at Ipperwash](#)
 - Co-author: [McGuinty's Ipperwash Cover-up: The Caledonia Legacy](#), first published as two-part series by Caledonia-based Regional News, Feb 18-25/09.
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 - Speaker at [FantinoGate](#) news conference in Queen's Park Media Studio, April 17/07 re complaints against OPP Commissioner Fantino.
 - Co-organizer and speaker at various public townhall meetings and legal education workshops in Caledonia and Cayuga, Ontario, most recently on May 07/08 for 'Legalized MYTHS of Illegal Occupations' presentation: [Video links](#)
 - Co-organizer and speaker at peaceful public protests events in Caledonia on the comparisons between Ipperwash and Caledonia; the legacy of the Ipperwash Inquiry failures; the importance of speaking out against injustice; and on how native people are being victimized by OPP racial policing policies.
 - Addressed Caledonia Rotary Club, July 29/08 with Caledonia resident Merlyn Kinrade.
 - Campaign manager for CANACE co-founder/Executive Director Gary McHale who received [4,821 votes in 2008 federal election](#) in riding of Haldimand-Norfolk as independent candidate running primarily on 'law and order' platform highlighting suffering of innocent Caledonia residents. Also created and maintained the official campaign website: <http://www.garymchale.ca/>
 - Presenter of '[Reconciliation: the CANACE Path](#)' to City of Brantford Public Forum Committee, Sept 29/08.
 - One of four people arrested in Caledonia by OPP for attempting to place a Canadian flag on a public utility pole across the street from the occupied Douglas Creek Estates to protest against racial policing. Mr. Vandermaas was arrested on Dec 16/06 with Gary McHale who was held in jail overnight without charge. Lawsuits by both men are before the Court, and complaints are before the Ontario Human Rights Commission.
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Mary-Lou LaPratte
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Mary-Lou LaPratte lived in Ipperwash from 1990 to 2007 and was once nominated – unsuccessfully – for the Order of Canada for her tireless work in pursuing justice for the people of Ipperwash. Her house was approximately 400 feet from the site where Dudley George fell. In addition to a decade of assaults, thefts, and intimidation suffered at the hands of native protesters, she and other residents were forced to defend their homes against an invalid land claim at a cost of \$500,000.

Mary-Lou continues to fight for justice and recognition for the suffering of innocent Ipperwash residents. She supplied the majority of documents for the Ipperwash Papers project, including the 29-page chronological history of residents' suffering which the Ipperwash Inquiry refused to publish. It is a shocking indictment of race-based policing that should be a 'must read' for every Canadian citizen. It is listed as document A-1 in the Documents Index at <http://www.ipperwashpapers.ca/>.

- Co-founder and Ipperwash Liaison, Canadian Advocates for Charter Equality (www.CANACE.ca).
- served as Vice Chair of the Ipperwash Policing Committee. 1993 to 1996
- organized the first Neighbourhood Watch in Ipperwash. 1993 to 1996
- served on the Executive of ONFIRE (Ontario Federation for Individual Rights and Equality). Security, 1995 to 1997
- President of ONFIRE from 1997 to December 2006.
- Public Relations officer for the West Ipperwash Property Owners Association. 1992 to 2001.
- Conducted 700 hours of research and cataloguing for a class action lawsuit.
- Spokesperson for the West Ipperwash Property Owners Association with the Assessment Review Board from 1995 to 2001 during the litigation on the West Beach Land claim.
- Keynote speaker at inaugural March for Freedom event in Caledonia, Oct 15/06.
- Speaker at [Ipperwash Papers](#) news conference, Queen's Park Media Studio, March 14/07.
- Interviewed and quoted by Western Standard magazine for July 02/07 feature story on the failures of the Ipperwash Inquiry: [*'Protection Racket: An Ontario judge glosses over illegal aboriginal acts at Ipperwash.'*](#)
- Co-author: [*McGuinty's Ipperwash Cover-up: The Caledonia Legacy*](#), first published as two-part series by Caledonia-based Regional News, Feb 18-25/09.

Merlyn Kinrade

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Merlyn Kinrade has lived most of his life in Caledonia and works full time to end race-based policing and landclaim lawlessness in his community. He is a former member of the Royal Canadian Navy who served on one of the most famous ships in Canadian naval history, HMCS Haida. His service included a tour of duty in Port Said, Egypt on a United Nations peacekeeping mission during the 1956 Suez crisis.

He is a retired Master Plumber who worked for the Ontario Ministry of Correctional Services for 19 years, and he once owned the Riverview Dairy in Caledonia. Merlyn has been a steadfast contributor to the community through sponsorship of various sports teams and significant financial generosity that made construction of the original arena possible for the town. He also coached hockey and baseball teams, and made a special effort to include needy children from the nearby Six Nations Reserve by providing transportation to and from practices and games, purchasing skates and other equipment for them and ensuring they were well fed during their time with the team.

- Co-founder, Treasurer, and Caledonia Liaison, Canadian Advocates for Charter Equality (www.CANACE.ca).
- Served as United Nations peacekeeper with Royal Canadian Navy, Egypt, 1956
- Co-organizer and speaker at various public townhall meetings and legal education workshops in Caledonia and Cayuga, Ontario, most recently on May 07/08: [Video links](#)
- Organizer, co-organizer and speaker at peaceful public protests events in Caledonia.
- Performed numerous media interviews on Caledonia crisis.
- Town spokesperson in [famous YouTube videos](#) created to satirize Ontario Aboriginal Affairs Minister Michael Bryant's attempt to avoid meeting residents through the use of a series of banal YouTube messages of his own. National Post, March 25/08: [Jonathan Kay on the feistiness of Caledonians and the native lawlessness they won't let us ignore](#).
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Jeff Parkinson

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Jeff Parkinson works full time on behalf of CANACE, mainly behind the scenes. He has worked as a truck driver, foster parent, security guard and as an EBay entrepreneur, but his passion is for photography, a talent that has proven invaluable in gathering crucial evidence during CANACE protests to be used in private prosecutions, the defence of falsely accused activists and in conveying the CANACE message to the public.

- Co-founder, Secretary/Director of Multimedia Production, Canadian Advocates for Charter Equality (www.CANACE.ca).
- Made legal history by winning two important Ontario Superior Court rulings related to the right of citizens to file private prosecutions in *Parkinson v. R., 2009* (listed on CanLII as [R. v. Parkinson, 2009 CanLII 729 \(ON S.C.\)](#)), and *Parkinson v. R., 2008* (listed on CanLII as [R. v. Parkinson, 2008 CanLII 68177 \(ON S.C.\)](#)) Other than legal research and in-court assistance provided by CANACE co-founder Gary McHale, Mr. Parkinson was unrepresented by legal counsel.

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- Succeeded in having an Assault charge certified against a municipal official via private prosecution, January 2008.
- Editor of [CaledoniaWakeUpCall blog](#). Authored more than 120 articles and editorials on land claim lawlessness, OPP civil rights violations and the CANACE struggle to restore the rule of law in Ontario with over 106,000 pages viewed to date.
- Captured [crucial video evidence](#) proving that CANACE co-founder Gary McHale and a Caledonia resident were the victims of an assault and false assault accusations by a supporters of an illegal smoke shack in Caledonia on Dec 01/07. Jeff's evidence led to a Public Mischief charge against one woman for filing a false police report.
- Captured evidence of assaults on OPP officers, Caledonia residents and CANACE co-founders Mark Vandermaas and Gary McHale on [Dec 01/07](#) during which he was thrown to the ground and knocked unconscious before being taken to hospital.
- Gathered evidence at [site of illegal occupation](#) and provided court testimony to assist CANACE in obtaining court certification for charges of Extortion, Intimidation and Assault against two leaders of illegal occupations at construction sites in Hagersville and Cayuga, Ontario.

- Served as election volunteer, event organizer and videographer for Gary McHale who received [4,821 votes in 2008 federal election](#) in riding of Haldimand-Norfolk as independent candidate running primarily on ‘law and order’ platform highlighting suffering of innocent Caledonia residents.
- Captured important images and produced short movies documenting CANACE activities, including a protest at the home of OPP Commissioner Julian Fantino on March 02/08. See, ‘[Fantino home protest video – we will not give up our rights!](#)’
- Speaker at CANACE ‘Canada at the Crossroads’ seminar, Caledonia Lions Hall, June 10/07.
- Speaker at CANACE ‘Legalized MYTHS of Illegal Occupations’ seminar on topic of using private prosecutions under Criminal Code to counter OPP refusal to enforce law.

See following page for suggested reading materials and image of ‘Caught in the Middle’ painting featuring 3 CANACE founders.

What motivates the founders of CANACE?

The following articles will explain, in part, the motivation and philosophy that drives the founders of CANACE as well as provide some insight into the challenges we have faced:

1. [CANACE fights for Canadians against incredible odds](#)
2. [Lessons from Dr. King](#)
3. [Queen's Park speech by Merlyn Kinrade: "Are we a failed state?"](#)
4. [Let's remember Jack tomorrow](#)
5. [Dancer's Courage!](#)
6. The Sachem, Carie Walker, Mar 07/08: [Fantino not home for rally PDF](#)
7. [VoC speech at 'Remember Us' March, Oct 08/07](#)
8. [History comes to Hamilton: "No one was left to speak for me."](#)
9. [The Heart of Compassion is...](#)
10. [How & Why I became part of CaledoniaWakeUpCall](#)

