

Gates to be Installed on DCE – May 29, 2007

Mr. Nolan: This email is written as an objection to the email you recently sent to Mayor Trainer, seeking her support to put up “gates” at the entrance to the Douglas Creek Estates (DCE).

First of all, this suggestion is double talk as it's a clear admission from the negotiating team that the occupation **will not end** in the foreseeable future and it's a clear admission that you personally think the negotiations are **going nowhere**. In the same breath, you continue to “negotiate” with known criminals and you continue to **misinform** the general public by openly and strongly suggesting that you're “making progress”. That's a load of dribble and you know it!

In my opinion, the individual that thought up of the “gate” concept is totally out of touch with reality and clearly unaware of what's going on here at DCE. The Natives should not complain about the cost of gas to run generators, they get the stuff **TAX FREE!** This same cost also should not be an item of concern for the negotiating team (or maybe I just don't get it!) The DCE entrance does not need gates, there already is a shack (illegally erected without building permits or health and safety inspections) at the entrance to the DCE. The natives maintain a 24/7 presence to ensure that **NOBODY** gets beyond ten feet off Argyle Street.

Please allow me to make a few recommendations:

- Near the end of October 2006, you were in Caledonia at a general meeting where it was pointed out that Caledonia is denied a huge tax base as a result of the DCE occupation. At the time, it was investigated and Hon. J. Prentice informed Ms. Finley that such an issue would be dealt with at the **negotiating table**.- that's your department. I certainly would like to know the specific status of Caledonia's lost tax base and how the “negotiating table” has been addressing that issue, if at all. I'm sure that every tax payer in Haldimand County is also interested in this situation, namely are you or are you not admitting that we've incurred a “lost tax base” and what do you plan to do about it. Again, reference was made by Hon. Jim Prentice that this is an issue for the negotiating table.
- Openly advertising that cigarettes are for sale in Ontario is ILLEGAL. The negotiating team “could use it's authority” to enforce the tobacco laws rather than blindly looking the other way and ignoring the issue. The “not my problem” doesn't fly any longer and I suggest it's time to move forward and to stop caving to the warrior threats. It's time to do what has to be done and it's time to do it right.

You're **condoning** the native illegal acts by **ignoring** their illegal activities. You're **openly supporting** the DCE takeover by **recommending** enhancing the site for the benefit of the criminals, you're proposing **added security** under the guise of “eliminating power generators” while we all know that this is to further entrench the occupiers into the DCE area. You're in essence proposing **additional** funding for these warrior type natives and basically **encouraging** them to stay! Are you at all surprised that they've not left? You shouldn't be.

Recently, this same native group decided to interfere with another development in Hagersville. The law clearly articulates a non-disputable definition of what constitutes “mischief” and when the laws are applicable. See **Part XI: Wilful and forbidden acts in respect of certain property** as defined in **Criminal Code 430. [387]**.

The negotiating team could exercise its authority by recommending that the policing authorities in Caledonia ENFORCE the law rather than MAINTAIN THE PEACE. Forgive me for pointing this out, but the **peace is being maintained under the threat of violence, intimidation and lawlessness.** You will no doubt say that policing is not part of your mandate. Of course, policing is “not your problem”. I think we’ve all learned to put the blocks together in the past few months and I suspect that you could have a say into how policing impacts DCE...if you had the bolts to do it.

What is wrong with you? Do you have any clue of what’s going on over here?

Mr. Nolan, if this is the very best that you and that the negotiating team can come up with, let me make several observations:

- You are not capable of conducting the negotiations with that attitude as it reflects a direct interest in having the Natives remain on the property.
- You and the negotiating team should seriously reconsider what this is about, how it came about, the way the occupiers have acted and the way they’ve been supported by their own Six Nations, even though claims are made that “not everybody supports this” and other blatant lies intended to detract the public or to refocus attention elsewhere.
- Better yet, my recommendation is to go the same route as Ms. Jane Stewart. If you can’t do it and do it right, then get out and let someone else take over.
- Attempting to confuse the general public with statements such as “it’s a complex situation” and “it’s been around for two hundred years” are statements we’re sick of hearing and to be truthful, few of us - if any, believe those lines any longer. It has become crystal clear that these “preferred phrases” are simply excuses to cloud the topic for the benefit of the natives.
- The reality of it is that in Caledonia, this occupation has been around since Feb. 28, 2006.

I take this opportunity to urge you to move forward with valid recommendations. Whatever your vision of a solution is, please have the honesty and strength of character to say exactly what it is you wish to do. Without taking an official poll, I can pretty guarantee you that most locals are fed up with this situation.

Allowing the situation to fester only encourages boldness from all sides. It will be a long summer. This is not a threat, this is reality.

Resident of Caledonia