In a Democracy the "Rule of Law" WINS

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As Canadians we all know that you cannot rely that politicians will do much to help the average person. In a modern society the only thing that politicians are interested in is winning the next election.

In the 'big-bad' USA, the President was attacked for failing to visit New Orleans within the first two weeks after the hurricane that hit the city. Meanwhile in Canada McGuinty & Harper have outright refused to visit Caledonia anytime in the past 16 months. Canadian politicians do not feel they are accountable to the people and believe that Canadians will never take a stand to hold them to account.

I was raised to believe it is a waste of time to try to change the system. That all politicians are the same and you cannot get them to do anything. Even my father was quoted in the Globe & Mail back on Jan. 20, 2007 that he thinks what I am doing is the wrong approach. To him and 99% of all Canadians it is a waste of time to try to change anything.

But I believe in Justice. I believe that Democracy demands each and every one of us to stand against the endless lies of our leaders and the outright abuses of Governments and the police forces. I believe that in the end Justice WINS.

Allow me to directly quote Judge Marshall when he spoke about the 'Rule of Law' and stated, "This case deals with an issue that is arguably the pre-eminent condition of freedom and peace in a democratic society… The Rule of Law for our purpose can be simply stated. It is the rule that every citizen from the prime minister to the poorest of our people is equally subject to and must obey the law."

McGuinty and the OPP have believed they are above the law. They believe they can disobey the courts, disobey the criminal code, and disobey their duties & responsibilities in a democratic society.

In the end it is the "Rule of Law" that holds McGuinty & Fantino to account for their actions or lack of action. Fantino believed he could spend months slandering us and believed he could even threaten and intimidate elected officials. Democracy demands that no police force, just like no military force, has the right to interfere with the political process. Fantino's direct attack upon democracy is so serious that I doubt there has been a greater threat to democracy in Ontario in the past 100 years.

You cannot have an 8500 member police force believing it has the right to approach any town and force elected officials to be silent.

This police state mentality of Fantino is unacceptable and he should have been fired immediately. It doesn't take an Ace Lawyer to know that it is wrong for a police commissioner to threaten elected officials.

On April 17, 2007 we had the Press Room at Queen's Park to release information regarding Fantino's threatening Email to Haldimand County. At the time we filed three Police Service Complaints against Fantino for his actions related to Caledonia.

Minister Monty Kwinter told the people of Ontario on TV that he would decide within days regarding the complaints against Fantino. Two months later it has become just another lie in a long list of lies this Government has told the people of Ontario.

As of this day, two months later, Monty Kwinter has not even decided whether to investigate Fantino. Monty Kwinter appointed a lawyer to advise him on this case. Rod McLeod is the lawyer assigned and we have had three meetings with Mr. McLeod.

I met with Mr. McLeod privately about a month ago and Mark Vandermaas and Merlyn Kinrade each had their own meeting with Mr. McLeod with their own lawyers present as well. Mr. McLeod has since met with Haldimand Council as well.

I directly asked Mr. McLeod twice whether Kwinter had already started an investigation into Fantino. The answer was that no investigation has been started nor any decision has been made whether to start one. In fact, Mr. McLeod's job is to advise Kwinter whether such an investigation should be started.

Remember the public had been told that Kwinter was going to decide the case within a few days. With the approaching election do you think the Government is going to start any investigation into Fantino, or will they instead try to find ways to delay?

To date we already have a two month delay.

Back in April Mark Vandermaas contacted the Ombudsman's office regarding the Two Tier Justice in Caledonia and Ipperwash. We have provided the Ombudsman with evidence regarding the various problems in Caledonia.

Now we see the Ombudsman say exactly what most people believe is really happening within the McGuinty Government, "by hiring outsiders to investigate public complaints because it wants to maintain control over the investigations".

The Canadian Taxpayers' Federation called for Fantino to be fired because of the email. Peter Kormos went on radio and demanded that Fantino be fired. The Mayor of Haldimand County was on radio with me and clearly stated that she felt 'threatened' by Fantino's email.

It is not that hard to decide whether any police commissioner has the right to threaten elected officials. So why the delay after promising the people of Ontario that a decision would be out quickly?

"I'm just getting advice," Kwinter said. "I have confidence in the commissioner, and unless I hear ... a valid reason that I should be concerned, I'll have to deal with that. I will make the decision but I want to make sure I have all of the facts."

What more 'valid reason' does Kwinter need than an OPP Commissioner threatening elected officials? Doesn't democracy mean anything to these politicians? Are they so busy playing backroom games all the time that they have lost any sort of common sense?

McGuinty, Kwinter and Fantino may think they can play games but in the end the "Rule of Law" will hold them to account.

Our Marches and Flag Raising Events are the public side of us, but the paperwork we do is what will bring down the most powerful in Government – ' the prime minister to the poorest of our people is equally subject to and must obey the law.'