

# Who Exactly Runs this Country?

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I just spent the morning listening to the events occurring in Hagersville where a group of Six Nations natives decided to occupy another development site to stop progress. The developer made the comment that he knew nothing about potential problems with the site when told that Six Nations needed for him to clear the development with them.

## Haldimand County

I want to know why developers must approach Six Nations to be able to build in Haldimand County. The County must have issued the building permits for this development. The County must have issued the infrastructure approval for the developer to proceed. The County must have ensured that any OMB clearance must have been given for the development.

Why then must the developer approach Six Nations for approval? Six Nations does not have any authority in Haldimand County. I don't pay my Realty Taxes to Six Nations. It is the responsibility of Haldimand County to ensure that there are no issues with a property prior to issuing a building permit.

## Ontario Government

The Ontario Government is not immune to these development problems in Ontario. They are our Provincial Government not Six Nations. Land within Ontario that is legally owned by individuals must be secure from occupations by Six Nations representatives no matter what the status of negotiations are regarding Land Claims.

Jim Prentice said October 13, 2006 "The Six Nations' lawsuit involves allegations of breaches of fiduciary duty in the administration of Six Nations' lands and assets. The claims focus on how land and money were managed as opposed to ownership and a return of lands."

He did not say that land ownership was a problem. He did not say that land would be returned to Six Nations. He was in fact very clear.

Yet the Ontario Government continues to deal with these occupations like there is a question of land ownership when it comes to legally deeded land. Exactly what is it Mr. McGuinty? Are deeds valid or not?

## Federal Government

As I pointed out in the Jim Prentice quote above the claims are not about land ownership or the transfer of land but rather fiduciary duty issues.

If that is the case Mr. Prentice then state publicly that no lands that are currently owned in Ontario under valid deeds are not subject to seizure by Six Nations and that such seizures will be dealt with using whatever means is necessary.

## **Conclusion**

Who actually runs this country? It is becoming clear that Six Nations and the Mohawk Warriors seem to be running this country. There are 33,000,000 Canadians today in this country and about 260,000 on reserve Indians. Yet the 260,000 on reserve Indians are bringing the economy and progress of this country to a halt.

Is it just me or is there a problem with this picture?