

“FantinoGate”
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Link between Fantino's email and Mr. McGuinty by Gary McHale

Mr. Fantino's email was sent on April 7 at 5:09 pm and stated it was sent the same day that I posted Mr. Grice's email at 11:30 am.

Clearly the contents of my web site are monitored continually and what is posted affects the actions of the OPP and the McGuinty Government at the highest level.

Mr. Fantino felt compelled to quickly respond to my posting and felt the need to inform other senior officers and several senior McGuinty Government personnel.

Mr. Fantino's email went to:

- 1) Tony Dean - Secretary of the Cabinet (Deputy Premier)
- 2) Chris Morley – Press Secretary for McGuinty
- 3) Peter Wilkinson - Chief of Staff to McGuinty

Why did Mr. Fantino feel compelled to inform the Deputy Premier, McGuinty's Chief of Staff and McGuinty's Press Secretary about what would simply be a daily operational issue for the OPP? Why did senior people within the McGuinty Government need to know that Fantino is intimidating and threatening elected officials in Haldimand County?

How did each of these senior people respond after receiving Fantino's email when there is to be an arms-length separation between the OPP & Politicians? Did they inform Fantino to stop emailing them because direct connection between McGuinty's Government and the OPP has been repeatedly told to the public is wrong?

What are the other emails from Fantino to the Deputy Premier, the Chief of Staff and the Press Secretary of McGuinty's Government?

Why does Fantino feel the need to inform McGuinty's Press Secretary about the fact that he is trying to silence elected officials? Are Fantino and Morley working together to spin and control the information coming out of Caledonia?

There are many more questions the media needs to ask Mr. McGuinty about whether Democracy and People's Charter Rights are under attack by his Government.

Long before Mr. Fantino came on the scene the McGuinty Government had already demonstrated that they were prepared to defame people's character and intimidate groups into submitting to their propaganda message.

On Aug. 2, 2006 Minister Ramsay did a press release and in referring to me stated, *"There are some, however, who wish to divide the community and exploit the current situation for their own gain and a chance for the media spotlight."* [1]

Sounds quite a bit like the message Mr. Fantino has been repeating around Ontario for the past 3 months.

The very next day Chris Morley, McGuinty's Press Secretary and the one Mr. Fantino felt compelled to add to his email, contacted CHTV and attempted to intimidate CHTV 5:30 Live producer Lawrence Diskin. Mr. Diskin informed me back on Aug. 3rd that his view was that CHTV was to be punished for interviewing me on TV.

I recorded my conversation with Mr. Diskin and asked him for his permission to report his story on my site which he agreed to. Mr. Diskin gave me Mr. Morley's name and number and I phoned him immediately to ask about the intimidation. Of course, I taped the telephone call and that tape is being released today. [2]

This tape confirms that Mr. Morley did phone Mr. Diskin and that he clearly expressed his concern that it wasn't right for CHTV to air the story. He refused to say whether or not he told Mr. Diskin that CHTV would be punished.

The attempt by McGuinty's Government to defame me and to intimidate CHTV had to be responded to. On Aug. 3rd I faxed the Government a Defamation of Character Notice [3] and received a reply by the Attorney General dated Aug. 17th, 2006. Since that date no Government of Ontario department has done any press release directed toward me.

Since Mr. Fantino has been Commissioner, the OPP has done numerous press releases attacking people's motives and character. Mr. Fantino has been on TV, Radio and quoted in Newspaper where he continues his character assassination of residents and 'outsiders'.

Not once did this occur under Gwen Boniface's leadership and I would say you would find it hard to find any example throughout OPP history where the Commissioner so repeatedly defamed the character of average citizens.

We have seen on TV Mr. Fantino standing beside Mr. McGuinty as McGuinty blames the situation in Caledonia on the Federal Conservatives. Then we saw for two weeks that Mr. Fantino repeated this message as he did interviews.

Why did Mr. Fantino feel the need to email Chris Morley, the Press Secretary to Mr. McGuinty? Was he coordinating the propaganda machine on the behalf of Mr. McGuinty's re-election campaign?

The last thing McGuinty wants is to have Councilors in Caledonia helping residents to have a voice while he is trying to win an election.

Mr. McGuinty needs to explain why the OPP Commissioner is emailing senior people within his Government when there is supposed to be an arms-length separation.

List of Supporting Evidence

- 1) [Minister Ramsay's Press Release from Aug. 2, 2006](#)
- 2) [Taped Telephone: Chris Morley – McGuinty's Press Secretary – Aug. 3](#)
- 3) [Gary McHale's Defamation Notice to the Ontario Government – Aug. 3](#)

Additional Resources:

- 1) [Aug. 3 post: McGuinty Punishes CHTV for Leaked Liberal Plan Coverage](#)
- 2) [Jul. 28 post: Leaked Liberal Party Plan on How to Resolve Caledonia Protest](#)
- 3) [Aug. 2 post: Source & Proof of Liberal Plan](#)