

“FantinoGate”
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Hello:

My name is Merlyn Kinrade and I have been a resident of Caledonia since 1946. I have come here today to talk about a two serious matters facing the Residents of Caledonia.

The first one is in regards a family in Caledonia. I am a relative to Dana Chatwell who lives on Argyle St. next to DCE with Dave Brown. They have faced many hardships directly due to the failed policies of the McGuinty Government and of the OPP.

The past year has been a living hell for them and the lack of compassion by Mr. McGuinty towards families like this one is appalling.

Over the past year they have been victimized several times without any aid by the OPP or the McGuinty Government. The continued failure by the McGuinty Government to deal with this family has caused me to be here today.

On Dec. 17th, CHTV video taped the inside of their home to show the public just how much damage had occurred the previous night when their home was attacked. Thousands of dollars in destroyed items and walls spray painted were done in this single attack upon them. Dana & Dave became the victim again because Mr. McGuinty has allowed so-called peaceful protesters to occupy DCE.

The price tag for Mr. McGuinty's political correctness is paid by innocent residents who have been victimized far too many times.

Dana and Dave, fearing for their lives, left their home on Dec. 16th to stay with family members for a few weeks. Upon leaving they signed an authorization for the OPP to place video cameras in their backyard to protect their property.

After returning home two weeks later, they discovered after a few days that they had become victims once again. This time by the OPP, who had secretly and without any permission from them, placed a hidden video camera in their kitchen.

The camera was found while a friend, who is an OPP officer, was visiting and the hidden camera was photographed and video taped. The hidden camera was returned to the OPP. To date the OPP have taken no action against the officers who victimized Dana and Dave by placing the camera in their homes.

Dana and Dave have paid a heavy price for the political correctness of the McGuinty Government. They have suffered numerous times and lived without any protection by any police force for weeks at a time. To date the McGuinty Government refuses to buy out their home, refuses to provide protection for them and continues to allow the people who directly victimized them to live at taxpayer's expense just feet away.

The complete lack of Compensation by Mr. McGuinty is demonstrated in the fact that he refuses to even visit Caledonia. It must be nice to put his head down to sleep in the safety of his home while others pay the cost of his Political Correctness.

My wife and I, along with my young daughter, live in a town where fear of the occupiers and now fear of the OPP is common place. I spent 5 years serving my Country in the Royal Canadian Navy and I will not allow my family to live one more day in fear.

My family, my friends and my town have been victimized by the Political Correctness that has allowed those who commit crimes to live at taxpayers' expense on DCE. It is the political correctness that has taken the proud history of the OPP and turned it into a system of Two Tier Justice for which we, the residents of Caledonia, experience daily.

To Mr. McGuinty Caledonia is just a headache while he tries to be re-elected. To the residents of Caledonia it is our lives, our children, our friends and our property that pay for the failed attempts by Mr. McGuinty to avoid dealing with Caledonia.

Must someone die before Mr. McGuinty will act?

It is the innocent residents who are paying for Mr. McGuinty's re-election campaign.