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### Haldimand Council: Stop meeting with Criminals

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You would think Haldimand Council would be the last council in Canada to even consider paying those who have repeatedly harmed the people of Caledonia yet, in the Regional News of June 25/08 we read that the Mayor, Grice and Boyko attended a meeting with them and the Haldimand Tract Good Neighbours Coalition to learn about a plan to transfer municipal taxpayers' money to the very group who are openly trying to extort it from builders via illegal occupations.

Two months ago a meeting had been arranged with Mayor Trainer and the CAO so CANACE could provide them with legal information about Duty to Consult, Colour of Right and Police Discretion, the same information that was used in court to lay Extortion, Mischief and Intimidation charges against Floyd and Ruby Montour on behalf of builders in Hagersville and Cayuga. The meeting was cancelled because it was not considered important enough for the Mayor and CAO to be spending time on. Although they were invited, not a single member of Haldimand Council bothered to attend CANACE's May 07/08 presentation where we released our latest report, '[Legalized MYTHS of Illegal Occupations.](#)'

Haldimand Council had no desire to learn about our extensive research into the vital legal issues that have plagued their community or possible solutions to development intimidation tactics, but the Mayor, Grice and Boyko had no problem sitting and listening to a harebrained plan to subvert the rule of law, the Criminal Code and the Supreme Court by having municipalities hand taxpayers' money over to extortionists. Even worse, the Regional reported that Mayor Trainer said that a 'few per cent of the municipal tax dollars wouldn't necessarily be so bad...'

Not so bad? Well, legalizing extortion in our view is a very bad thing. Haldimand Council has done [many outright stupid things](#) in the past two years, but this should be beyond even them. Mayor Trainer, why do you continue to do what you know is wrong? Is there any politician on this council who has any spine whatsoever? We hope the voters in Haldimand County remember the day that the Mayor, Grice and Boyko were willing even to consider paying Extortion demands with taxpayers' hard earned money. Here we have a council unwilling to do anything to help anyone in Caledonia, unwilling to even learn about the applicable law and possible legal remedies, unwilling to hold McGuinty and Bryant accountable for abandoning their community, but willing to consider paying the criminals to stop committing crimes.

Sadly, this is what passes for leadership in Canada.

Maybe the Mayor can tell Sam Gaultieri why his tax dollars should go to pay the thugs who attacked him. Maybe Grice could tell the residents who live near him about this great idea to transfer their hard earned money to the criminals who have traumatized their lives. Maybe Boyko could stop being a 'potted plant' on the police service board and do something to end Race Based Policing. We won't hold our breath waiting for any of these Council members to do the right thing but we do trust the people to remember the 'leaders' who have repeatedly failed them during their hours of greatest need.

Demand that your councilors speak out against this outrageous extortion appeasement program and encourage them to attend the next CANACE presentation at 7 pm July 21/08 at the Cayuga Lions Hall. They may also wish to read CANACE editorial, '[Brantford Builders Aiding Extortion?](#)'

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