

Canadian Flag: A symbol of your Freedom

By Gary McHale - read out by my wife Christine on May 24, 2009 in Caledonia

I cannot be with you today for one simple reason – the OPP find it easier to arrest non-Natives to appease Native Protesters. If I was a Native person I could block the highway for weeks at a time, assault OPP officers and set tires on fire without getting arrested. As a non-Native I was arrested and put in jail even though I committed no crime back on Dec. 16, 2006 which was our first flag raising event.

You have gathered here today for two main reasons. First, to support your community to bring an end to the illegal activities of the OPP. Second, to send a message to the OPP and McGuinty's government that you will not sit quietly by and allow them to strip you of your rights.

We do not rally today to raise a Canadian Flag in response to some native protest or out of anger toward any Native person, but because we want an end to Race Based Policing by the OPP. As long as the OPP refuses to uphold the Canadian Charter of Rights we will continue to protest to ensure that all Canadians are Equal in Canada. We will not negotiate for our Rights nor quietly wait for the OPP to tell us when we have Rights and how we are allowed to exercise these rights.

What you will witness today is another clear example of how the OPP treat people solely based on their Race. If you were Native the OPP would escort you down Argyle St. without any harassment by any officer. What you will see today is that you have no Rights the moment the OPP determines it is not politically correct for you to have Rights. The Charter of Rights has no meaning to these officers. It is merely a piece of paper that they can overlook because they believe there are no consequences to them for violating your Rights under a McGuinty Government.

Look around here today and you will not see the Mayor or your council member. You will not see Toby Barrett or Diane Finley. There is a great lack of leadership in our society today and McGuinty knows it. What price will your representative pay to ensure that your Rights are not violated? The answer is that they will pay nothing to help you. They will do a few speeches when it is politically safe to do so but in the end they will not sacrifice anything for you.

They have no problem collecting taxpayers' money and no problem sitting in meetings and talking about the problem but they will not stand up for you. They cannot Stand because they have no clue what it means to truly lead and pay the price to be a leader.

These politicians will only take a stand when the public makes it too difficult for them not to stand.

You cannot wait for these representatives to step forward and take a stand. Only you can protect your Rights and Freedoms. Throughout history it is always the average individual who must step forward to stand against injustice. People in positions of power already have and will continue to act in a way that supports the status quo.

The OPP and McGuinty Government have one real hope and that is that you will give up. They win whenever you say to yourself you cannot continue the fight. They win when they convince you that your actions here today don't make any difference.

The truth is that the OPP and the McGuinty government are watching every move you make today. They are so fearful that average people will not give up and will not surrender their Rights. On Dec. 1, 2007 Commissioner Fantino sent an email to the Deputy Commissioner and stated:

“The reason I waited to get back to you was to simply cool off... We seem to be in an almost state of paralysis when it comes to proactively doing anything respecting McHale. If it isn't us being told what to do by feeble Crowns, it is our own lack of fire. It seems to me that we are reactive to the point that McHale is orchestra leader while we are almost captive to his nonsense.”

End quote

The OPP and McGuinty Government cannot handle it when you and I refuse to submit to Race Based Policing. We will not submit to the agenda of the OPP and will continue to force them to respond to our call for Equality and Justice. They may have endless resources and can easily abuse the system to their advantage but we will continue to call for Justice in Haldimand.

They offer you a false peace instead of real peace that comes from true Law and Order. Throughout history people are always offered false peace. If Blacks in the south just behaved themselves in the 1950s there was peace. If Blacks learned how to submit to those who believed they had the rights to limit the freedom of Black people then there was peace. Chamberlain returned to England in the 1930s and proclaimed peace with Hitler. False peace is never lasting peace.

Real peace doesn't come about by appeasement or limiting one group's rights but comes about when Laws are applied equally and fairly. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. stated from jail:

“I have almost reached the regrettable conclusion that the Negro's great stumbling block in his stride toward freedom is not the White Citizen's Council or the Ku Klux Klanner, but the white moderate, who is more devoted to 'order' than to justice; who prefers a negative peace which is the absence of tension to a positive peace which is the presence of justice; who constantly says: 'I agree with you in the goal you seek, but I cannot agree with your methods of direct action'; who paternalistically believes he can set the timetable for another man's freedom; who lives by a mythical concept of time and who constantly advises the Negro to wait for a 'more convenient season.' “

End quote

Criminals and Thugs can never be allowed to threaten society in order to limit the Rights of any group. It was wrong in the USA when the KKK threatened and committed violence against Blacks in order to preserve what they believed was a superior culture. Native extremists cannot be allowed to threaten violence and commit numerous criminal acts in order to control another group. Racism against Blacks is wrong and racism against non-Natives is also wrong.

Each OPP officer you see today swore an Oath to uphold the Charter of Rights which includes the fact that people cannot be discriminated against based on their race. Each officer here today also knows full well that if you were a Native person they would not be here today to stop you from putting up a flag.

These officers are not the enemy. In our society few would ever sacrifice their pay cheque for morals or the principles of Justice and Freedom.

In the end we cannot lose as long as we continue to stand up to this injustice. We stand for what is Right while the OPP stand for appeasement, Racism and political correctness. They cannot be allowed to continue their policies. I will continue to stand against injustice and ask that you continue to stand as well.

Your children and your community will thank you one day.