

Chris Syrie landmark Approach

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Mr. Syrie owns property that touches Douglas Creek Estates (DCE) which is currently owned by the Ontario Government but occupied by Native protesters. Like most land owners throughout the Haldimand Tract Mr. Syrie faced two important truths.

First, that he had mortgage payments and property tax payments due to the fact that he had legal Title to the property.

Second, both the OPP and McGuinty government would take no steps to enforce the Title Deed System.

The OPP and McGuinty government continue to allow the HDI (Haudenosaunee Development Institute) to exhort money from developers. In 2006 McGuinty took full responsibility for negotiations and repeatedly claimed that the problems were limited to Caledonia. So after occupations starting up in Deseronto, Sharbot Lake, Hagersville, Dunnville and Brantford, McGuinty suddenly claimed it was a Federal Problem. OPP Commissioner Fantino demonstrated many times over the past year just how much he is following McGuinty by publicly blaming the Federal Government for the increase in occupations around Ontario.

Although the McGuinty government was hanging developers and land owners out to dry while providing no financial support, Mr. Syrie took steps to regain control over his property.

Mr. Syrie hired a Lawyer, John Findlay, to bring an end to the questions about who has control over his property. Mr. Findlay filed papers in court and served the Federal & Provincial Governments along with Haldimand Council, Six Nations Council and the Haudenosaunee Council with notification that Mr. Syrie owned his land, requiring them to respond to Mr. Syrie's legal ownership.

The Ontario Government is to legally back the Ontario Title Deed System and the need for individuals to file legal papers to ensure their ownership isn't needed. However, instead of the McGuinty government standing before the judge and supporting Mr. Syrie's Title Deed the Ontario Government and Haldimand County instead claimed that they neither consented nor opposed Mr. Syrie's ownership.

This should raise some serious questions by every property owner in Ontario because clearly the McGuinty Government is unwilling to support the Land Title Deed System.

The Federal Government notified the court that they consented to Mr. Syrie's ownership.

Six Nations Council sent a lawyer to the court who did not object to Mr. Syrie's ownership. Six Nations only wanted to re-confirm their original claim filed back in 1995 which sought financial compensation because of the failure of the Government to pay the correct price many years ago. Six Nations Council doesn't seek the land nor claim the land is theirs.

The Haudenosaunee Council didn't reply to the court at all.

What is most surprising and should anger all property owners in Haldimand County is that Haldimand Council DID NOT support Mr. Syrie's ownership.

Although Councilor Grice is telling residents that the council voted to support Mr. Syrie, the lawyer for the county did not support Mr. Syrie's ownership. Either Mr. Grice is lying to the residents of Caledonia or the Lawyer for the County isn't obeying the instructions given to him.

The Lawyer for the County sent a letter stating that the County neither consented to Mr. Syrie's ownership nor opposed it. Of course, this same Council has no problem collecting property tax from someone they are unwilling to consent owns the property.

Maybe the Mayor or Council Grice could explain to the people of Caledonia why they continuously refuse to support the people of Caledonia.

The residents should ask Councilor Grice exactly when did Council vote to support Mr. Syrie and, if such a vote took place, why did their lawyer disobey council?