

Email to Senior OPP Officers

Good Morning,

Now that it has been effectively proven by video that the By-pass is closed by the natives and not the OPP, where are the comments from you all. I recall at a meeting with Fantino that he stated that while he would not go in and remove the protestors from the site he did say that there would be no law-breaking on his watch. He emphatically stated that the roads in the province of Ontario would not be blocked. I suppose this is why he feels the need to mislead the public and the media that it is the OPP who have chosen to block the by-pass because of concern of native reactions and that they may pose a threat to the public. Well if that is the case then I ask why would you not be concerned with the natives who are coming into town and threatening the public, either by way of verbal accusations or by vehicular driving? If you strongly believe that there is a threat then you should block the entrances of town and not allow these threats to potentially enter town?

On another note the argyle bridge has been slated for construction and the question was posed a couple of months back of plan B. The question still stands and until you can guarantee the safe passage of vehicles across the by-pass, there is no other option but to terminate your plans for the construction of the bridge.

Further, the idea of the Mclung Bridge being reviewed must rise to the top of the priority list. The responsibility of all of council is to ensure the needs of the community. Caledonia needs another bridge on the east side of town and it is time for council to push for the assessments and get the ball rolling.

Many of us have communicated in the past, and we all can agree that it has been with a degree of temperance. Today that temperance is diminished, today, once again the OPP have demonstrated to the people of Caledonia that it is OK for one to further their cause through civil disobedience. The people of Caledonia now have a cause as well and if it is OK for the natives to block a provincially owned roadway, then it is OK for the people of Caledonia to do the same.

If the negotiators and the OPP cannot open the Hwy #6 by the end of the week, then there will be Caledonia blockades. For those of you that are looking at this from far away, you should not underestimate the temperature of this community, and certainly do not mistake its resolve.

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