

ANOTHER MCGUINTY BROKEN PROMISE: 231 DAYS AND STILL NO LEADERSHIP

McGuinty promised occupation would end by winter but no end in sight

(Queen's Park) – Progressive Conservative Party Leader John Tory today pressed Dalton McGuinty to keep the promises he's made during the 231-day long Caledonia occupation and start acting to help residents.

“Dalton McGuinty's lack of action has allowed tensions to rise to the point that families are afraid and the community is terribly divided,” said Tory. “Dalton McGuinty said it would be unacceptable for the protestors to remain on the land once winter starts. There is no sign he's going to keep this commitment.”

In the Legislature today, Tory asked why Dalton McGuinty had not insisted on an end to disturbances surrounding the occupied lands and pointed to the plight of residents in Caledonia, such as Anne Marie VanSickle, who lives two doors away from the occupied site. Her six-year-old son is afraid to be alone in the bathroom while her 12-year-old daughter can't sleep and cries wondering who will help them.

“What are you going to do to return their lives to normal?” Tory asked. “The fact is we have SUV engines roaring at night, loud music and lights shining into bedroom windows. These are among the factors causing anxiety levels of Caledonia residents to escalate. Dalton McGuinty's response to my question today asking for minimum conditions for behaviour was completely irresponsible.”

Tory also pointed to another unfilled promise by the McGuinty Liberals to provide assistance for families in households directly affected by the situation.

“This say anything but do nothing approach by Dalton McGuinty is unacceptable,” said Tory. “The people of Caledonia and Ontario deserve better than a Premier who won't stop breaking promises and who refuses to show any leadership in upholding respect for the law and respect for the rule of law.”