

John Tory failed Caledonia

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John Tory has done a press release regarding Caledonia and his hope is now that he is in political trouble that somehow he can draw upon the issues in Caledonia to save his political backside. He states the following, "Since the beginning of the dispute in Caledonia, my colleagues and I in the PC Party have been unwavering in our argument that the rule of law must be respected and upheld. Quite simply, actions must have consequences."

Allow me to speak the truth about what Mr. Tory did for Caledonia over the past 20 months... Nothing.

When Toby Barrett agreed to speak at the first March for Freedom he was pressured by Tory's people to back out. I have letters from Mr. Tory that clearly show he was against any public protest against the occupation. In fact if I compared Mr. Tory's words to that of McGuinty I would find little difference between the two.

The main reason why Caledonia is still ongoing today is simply because under Mr. Tory's leadership the PC Party refused to help the people of Caledonia. Mr. Tory did NOTHING to help.

I have taped phone calls with Mr. Tory's people who clearly told me Mr. Tory would never use the phrase 'Two Tier Justice' because I used it on my site. The Mayor, Toby Barrett, Councilor Grice and residents all believe Two Tier Justice exists in Caledonia and are not afraid to say so, but Mr. Tory refuses to use the phrase solely because of his own political agenda.

Mr. Tory phoned me up and personally tried to talk me out of protesting in Caledonia. It isn't Mr. Tory who has worked so hard to keep the story alive regarding Caledonia. Now that his political future is in trouble he wants to use Caledonia to regain some support as a Law & Order guy.

Two days before the past election date I organized the 'Remember Us' March on Oct. 8, 2007. Several weeks earlier several residents in Caledonia met with the PC Party people to arrange that if Mr. Tory was a guest speaker at this March then the media attention in Caledonia would be great and make Law & Order the main topic just before people voted.

Mr. Tory refused and instead focused his message on School funding instead of Law & Order. Mr. Tory could have visited Deseronto, Sharbot Lake, Brantford, Hagersville etc. and forced the media to cover Law and Order as an issue but he didn't.

In my conversation with Mr. Tory, he was unable to tell me any steps he would take to address the issues in Caledonia or in Ipperwash. He repeatedly said he would end negotiation but would do nothing to end the occupation. The truth is that occupiers don't care about negotiations because they already have the land and the homes on DCE. There has been no negotiation in Ipperwash for years but it didn't end the occupation there.

Mr. Tory offers no solutions to the illegal occupations.

Mr. Tory did go to Caledonia during the election campaign and promised that somehow, if elected, he would allow people to sue Natives for the harm caused. Of course the cost of suing and the time needed to sue makes it almost impossible for most people to take advantage of this.

However, there is a greater problem with Mr. Tory's solution to the violence. When someone is beating you on the head it doesn't help to hear Mr. Tory say, "You can sue". When someone is

attacking your home it doesn't help to hear Mr. Tory say, "You can sue". I can hear it now as parents in Caledonia reassure their children with the words, "don't be afraid because Mr. Tory says we can sue".

A few days before I appeared in Court on Dec. 14, 2007, Mr. Tory tried to get me to subpoena one of McGuinty's friends to expose McGuinty for him. I have no problem exposing McGuinty, but it is time for the Mr. Tory to fight his own battles and stop getting me and the residents to do it for him. Mr. Tory sits back and allows us to make Caledonia a media issue while he takes no risk.

Remember it was Mark Vandermaas, Mary-Lou Lapratte of Ipperwash and myself who investigated the issues around Ipperwash and did a Press Conference at Queen;s Park to expose just how bogus the Ipperwash Inquiry was. Thanks to Toby Barrett, residents and myself have been able to speak in the media room three times with NO help from Mr. Tory.

Mr. Tory waits to let others fight his battles for him. The PC Party sat back and allowed me and others to fight the battle in Caledonia with no help from Mr. Tory. Now he speaks after the National Post runs a series of stories... it is now safe for Mr. Tory to speak but where was he two weeks ago?

If there was a contest about who is the biggest 'Coward' it would be hard to determine whether Mr. Tory or Mr. McGuinty would win.

Mr. Tory is so much a 'Coward' he cannot even use the phrase "Two Tier Justice". He didn't support Toby Barrett when Toby tried to represent his riding. He refused to make Law & Order a main issue during the last election.

Unfortunately the PC Party picked a Liberal to lead the party. In politics symbols are important. Mr. Tory who presented himself with his name in both Red & Blue is clearly sending a message that he is not a true conservative. Mr. Tory could run for leadership in either the Conservative Party or the Liberal Party.

What difference would a Red Tory be for the People of Ontario?... Not Much.

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