

October 2006

Six Nations (Caledonia) Negotiations INFORMATION SHEET #2

No Go Zone

On September 25, the Honourable Minister Ramsay – Minister Responsible for Aboriginal Affairs announced the creation of a 'no go zone', a 100 foot (30.48 metre) area on the north side of Douglas Creek, between the property and the residential area. Only the Ontario Provincial Police and those specifically authorized (i.e. archaeologists) are allowed to enter and patrol the 100-foot (30.48 metre) wide area on Douglas Creek that runs behind Notre Dame School and the homes on Thistlemoor and Braemar. The creation of the 'no go zone' is supported by Haldimand County and the Haudenosaunee/Six Nations and will create a better sense of privacy and security for both the people living in close proximity to the Douglas Creek property and the Haudenosaunee/Six Nations. The 'no go zone' is seen as a positive step by all parties.

Archaeological Study

The Ontario Realty Corporation, with agreement from the Haudenosaunee/Six Nations and Canada, has hired the archaeology firm of Timmins Martel Heritage Consulting Inc. to conduct a survey for possible burials on the Douglas Creek property. The archaeology team (nine to 12 people) will be present on the Douglas Creek property beginning the week of October 2. Archaeology teams will begin their work along the north side of Douglas Creek in the “no go zone”, a 100 foot (30.48 metre) wide area running the length of the north side of Douglas Creek between the property and the residential area. To begin the process the area will be mowed and the ground lightly turned. Archaeologists will then begin to examine the ground looking for signs of Aboriginal burials. Subsequently, other areas of the Douglas Creek property will be surveyed. The work is expected to be completed by the end of the year. The Ontario Provincial Police has been advised of the archaeological work to be done and the necessary presence of the individuals involved in the work. Residents are assured that the work being carried out by the archaeology team will occur during daylight hours.

Letter From Chief MacNaughton

The Honourable David Ramsay, Minister Responsible for Aboriginal Affairs, received a letter from Chief Allen MacNaughton in which the Haudenosaunee/Six Nations confirms their commitment to using their utmost influence to have the protestors temper their actions and to keep the peace. Chief MacNaughton's letter also confirms a number of important commitments supported by the Haudenosaunee/Six Nations. Copies of Chief MacNaughton's letter were distributed to the Community Advisory Group on September 25th. The Group has expressed their appreciation for Chief MacNaughton's message. A copy of the letter is attached to the back of this Information Sheet.

Community Advisory Group

The provincial and federal governments worked with municipal leaders to form a Community Advisory Group. This group consists of provincial and federal negotiators, the mayor and local ward councillor, and representatives living in the areas that border the Douglas Creek property (Thistlemoor, Braemar, MacCrea, Argyle, Oneida, Sixth Line, Seventh Line and Notre Dame School). Representatives have expressed a willingness to work towards positive solutions with strong support for information from reliable government sources. Community feedback is essential to achieve a successful negotiated settlement. The Community Advisory Group held its first meeting on Monday, September 25. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 10.

Community Communication

At the beginning of September, our principal representative Jane Stewart and other members of the Ontario negotiating team went door to door to talk to residents and answer questions about the province's participation in the negotiations.

As a result of the negotiating team's efforts, Ontario has increased and improved direct communication with residents. The province has created a web site (www.ontario.ca/caledonia) with frequently asked questions and updates. The web site will be updated regularly to keep residents and interested parties informed.

Copies of this Information Sheet can be obtained from the Haldimand County Library, Haldimand County Office and the OPP Office on Argyle Street.

For more information, call our public information line at: 1-866-876-7672 (toll free) or 905-765-1897, or visit the Six Nations (Caledonia) Negotiation web page at: www.ontario.ca/caledonia



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Ohswegen, Ontario

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Minister Ramsay,

We would like to extend greetings and friendship on behalf of the Chiefs, Clanmothers, and People of the Six Nations.

We are pleased to see some progress beginning to be made at the negotiating table and remain committed to seeing our longstanding Land Rights Issues resolved peacefully. We also acknowledge the actions of a few individuals who seem intent on disrupting the peaceful process and progress of negotiations. We would like to reassert the importance of approaching these issues with care and caution, applying those principles of Peace, Mutual Respect, and Friendship which our Ancestors and yours agreed to a long time ago.

We would like to confirm that we remain committed to using our utmost influence to have our people temper their actions and to "keeping the peace". We have taken immediate steps to address those issues of disturbances which have been raised and we ask for your government to address those agitators amongst the people who they represent, whom we believe are largely misinformed and thus misguided in their actions.

In Peace and Friendship,

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