

Haldimand Council helps McGuinty's Re-election Campaign

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Yesterday's press release by Haldimand Council is nothing but an attempt to kiss up to McGuinty. Why?

Haldimand Council has been under pressure since day one to stop all negative comments against McGuinty and against the OPP. Yesterday's announcement is proof the council knows which level of Government provides funding to municipalities and that is the Provincial Government.

In modern politics there are ways to pressure people into doing your will. Most have to do with money and we have seen Fantino directly threaten the council with lawsuits and with transferring the OPP policing bill to the County via the Ontario Government. Such a bill would have to be sent by the Ontario Government since the OPP is a provincial police force and all current extra policing costs are covered by the province.

Therefore, Fantino was threatening to have the Ontario Government transfer their extra costs to the county. Nice threat and one clearly designed to hit the pocket book.

The other way McGuinty can control council is quite simply through the various programs that can or cannot be funded - the closure of the License Office in Caledonia or the funding for bridge repairs are examples. It is the Province which has, to this date, provided all compensation to both the businesses and residents in Caledonia – why is that?

Did McGuinty, out of the kindness of his heart, decide that he should be responsible for paying the compensation? Why didn't McGuinty just wait for the Federal Government to cover any compensation? In fact, the Province took responsibility for this compensation over a year ago before McGuinty said anything about Federal responsibility.

McGuinty paid compensation for one reason – he is the one responsible.

No Lawsuits against Federal Government:

There are over 20 lawsuits as a direct result of the illegal occupation of DCE. Not one of these lawsuits is against the Federal Government. Although different lawyers have filed these claims, all have decided that the Federal Government CANNOT be legally responsible for the failure of the OPP and McGuinty Government.

Why do people think that the Class Action Lawsuit is suing the County, OPP officers and the Ontario Government? Did lawyers for the Class Action fail to understand that Harper should be sued? The question is who is legally responsible for the complete failure to deal with the illegal occupation and the repeated criminal acts against residents? The Class Action believes the answer is the County, the OPP and the McGuinty Government.

The Chart below is a direct copy of Court Papers for the Class Action lawsuit. As you can see the County, OPP officers and Provincial Government departments are the target for each of the problems that have occurred in Caledonia – the Federal Government is not listed.

Defendant	Cause of Action	Plaintiffs
Haldimand County	Closure of Argyle Street	Caledonia Business Class Property Owners Class
	Failure to Provide Police Services	Caledonia Business Class Property Owners Class Contractors Class
Commissioner Boniface and Inspector Haggith	Closure of Argyle Street	Caledonia Business Class Property Owners Class
	Closure of Highway 6	Highway 6 Class
	Violation of Police Services Act Duties	Caledonia Business Class Property Owners Class Contractors Class
	Negligence (Hydro Interruption)	Caledonia Business Class Property Owners Class
Minister of Public Infrastructure and Renewal	Nuisance	Property Owners Class
Minister of Transportation	Closure of Highway 6	Highway 6 Class
Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services	Failure to Provide Police Services	Caledonia Business Class Property Owners Class Contractors Class Highway 6 Class
Minister of Aboriginal Affairs	Agreement not to Prosecute Protestors	Caledonia Business Class Property Owners Class Contractors Class
	Moratorium on Development	Contractors Class
Attorney General	Failure to Enforce Law	Caledonia Business Class Property Owners Class Contractors Class Highway 6 Class

But since the beginning of this year there has been a new message from McGuinty and that is the Federal Government is suddenly the one to solve DCE. McGuinty talked big a year ago about how he was handling the Caledonia situation so much better than Mike Harris handled Ipperwash – to the point that Harris' lawyers wrote a letter telling McGuinty to stop his B.S. or face a lawsuit for defamation. Since then McGuinty has never used Harris' name.

Once McGuinty knew he had failed to solve the situation in Caledonia he started passing the buck to blame someone else. The target became the Federal Government and McGuinty, with much help from Fantino, spread the message for months that the Federal Government needed to step in and resolve the issue.

Needless to say the Federal Government had repeatedly stated the claim is invalid. Mayor Trainer repeatedly stated on TV and radio that the Feds had stated the claim is invalid and therefore she continued to call the occupation illegal even after the Appeals Court claimed the occupiers could stay because the new owner (McGuinty) is allowing them to stay.

McGuinty willfully bypassed the courts and the rule of law by forcing Henco Ltd. to sell DCE to the Ontario Government. Since then McGuinty has done everything possible to ensure no other authority – i.e. courts – could do anything but allow McGuinty to have his way.

So why did council suddenly forget all these details and join McGuinty's propaganda that the sole person responsible for the ongoing problems in Haldimand County is Prime Minister Harper?

Money... Intimidation... and repeated threats from Fantino.

Just what exactly could Harper do to stop the Native Protesters from taking over the building site in Hagersville? Hagersville is not part of any claim.

Just what exactly could Harper do to stop the Native Protesters from stopping the development of Walmart in Dunnville?

Does Council truly believe that anytime in the next 10 years all these land claims will suddenly be gone?

At the exact same time the council was blaming Harper for everything in Caledonia, Mayor Trainer was on CHTV telling Six Nations to get their act together. She listed out 5 groups within Six Nations who do not agree with each other and therefore the situation cannot be resolved. Mayor Trainer, along with Chief General, said all this months ago. Chief General stated on radio that the number one reason for no settlement is because of division within Six Nations. [[Link to radio show from Jan 10, 2007](#)]

On the same day Haldimand Council is blaming Harper they were also speaking to CHTV and the Mayor said, "Six Nations has to get their act together". [[Link to video](#)][[Dialup](#)]

On May 12, 2006 Chief MacNaughton and David Peterson announced on CHML radio that DCE would be resolved in a few weeks, not months. [[Link](#)] Just how many times was the public told by the Province that negotiations were going well and the Native Protesters would not be permitted to stay the winter?

\$5,100 Million Promised in one Month:

Which is it... is it Harper's fault or the failure of Six Nations to have a single mind that can agree to a settlement? Let us not forget that Harper offered \$125 million about a month ago to Six Nations but it was rejected. Just how much does Haldimand County want to give to the group that have destroyed the power station, dug up the road, blocked highways and railways for weeks, assaulted residents and police and intimidated people for over a year.

Harper also announced a \$2,500,000,000 dollar deal over 10 years to settle land claims. McGuinty announced a \$2,500,000,000 dollar deal over 20 years to a share in casino money – We didn't know that casinos were traditional ways that Natives make income. Harper & McGuinty also have made thousands of acres of land available for settlement deals.

Just how much does Haldimand County Council want to pay in Blackmail?

A clear answer from them would be nice.

Let's be clear who is to blame. A small group of Native Protesters have learned that the use of violence will always give you money and land. This group has proven their willingness to use extreme violence against the residents in Caledonia. The Government has proven their willingness to pay the Blackmail even when they publicly state the claim is invalid.

Why has the protest from Caledonia spread to other areas – quite simply because the OPP will do nothing to stop them. The Caledonia Protest started with 2 women walking onto the DCE and stopping a \$20+ million development – surely the OPP can stop 2 women. The Hagersville protest started with a few Native Protesters walking onto the development site, stopping all work – in that case the OPP helped to build the barricade.

Fantino has been hand picked by McGuinty for 3 reasons:

- 1) To silence any voices in Caledonia.
- 2) To be the propaganda machine for the Liberal Government.
- 3) To ensure no force is used against Native Protesters.

Each of these has been demonstrated time and again since Fantino was appointed. Fantino's endless bullying of residents, of us, of the Mayor and of the whole Council has been well documented. Fantino has repeated word for word what McGuinty says in his press releases as he travels around Ontario.

The June 29th Day of Action demonstrated how the OPP will do everything to ensure Native Protesters can occupy, barricade, block or commit acts of Terrorism with the FULL PROTECTION of the OPP.

Fantino stated clearly in his threatening email to Haldimand Council that there is a mutual understanding which he has with the council.

This Press Release from Haldimand Council is the working out of that mutual understanding.

Haldimand Council will now avoid any negative comment against McGuinty and blame Harper for everything...

What More could McGuinty ask for (and pay for) in an election year.

I could provide dozens of links to examples of both Mayor Trainer and Councilor Grice having full knowledge that it is the McGuinty Government, not Harper Government, which is controlling both the OPP and the outcome from the situation in Caledonia.

Suddenly Council has done a flip flop to gain favours from McGuinty.

We are more than willing to blame Harper when he is responsible, but in this case he isn't. See our recent editorials on Harper:

[\[Link\]](#) June 28 - Harper: Are Muslims the only Terrorists?

[\[Link\]](#) June 28 - Harper has Confirmed: Two Tier Justice is now Nation Wide

[\[Link\]](#) June 25 - Trudeau vs Harper: One appeases Terrorists