

Fantino: Your comments are inflaming the situation

It amazes me that Fantino, Commissioner of our Ontario Provincial Police, has the time to be nit picking through emails on “Caledonia Wake Up”. I would like to think he would be busy trying to pull things together and start better planning and community policing than the OPP have shown us so far.

I would also think that if Fantino is going to accuse Councillor Grice of “commending McHale on his efforts” or “actually encouraging McHale”, perhaps he should Quote Councillor Grice’s comments. Let me...Grice email regarding McHale states “I do commend you on some of your actions”. He stated “SOME”, not all. All this shows to us is how you, our Commissioner, view the situation here in Caledonia. You have preconceived perceptions already towards the residents here as well as our town Council. If anything it is **YOUR** comments that are inflaming the situation. You should be the one **enforcing our laws, protecting our communities** and even **encouraging peace and resolution**. None of which I have seen.

I would like to hold you to your own words, to not renew the OPP’s contract, and I would like to hold the OPP accountable and responsible for the cleanup and repairs that are a result of “your guests” on the occupied site. They are your guests and the funds should not be coming out of taxpayers' pockets but solely out of the OPP’s policing funds. If you want to hold our council responsible for McHale’s action you may do so when Council invites McHale to town, not before. Until then take responsibility for the guests you permit on the Douglas Creek Estates. They are there with the Province’s (and therefore your) permission are they not???

So stop trying to pass the blame, shifting the controversial finger pointing and start doing a better job at POLICING. Is that not what we are paying you to do??

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