

Will Council Continue to Bend to Fantino

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One thing that Fantino's email reveals is that Haldimand Council has in fact been giving into Fantino's pressure tactics for months. This last pressure tactic may be in a written form, but he makes it clear that several months ago he believed Council would follow him blindly.

Fantino states, "When I appeared before you several months back I came away believing that we had a mutual understanding about the detrimental effect that McHale and his followers were having on Caledonia."

It is quite clear from this that Haldmand Council had a mutual understanding to be against any resident who supported any of my events.

This means that back in January when the OPP did their press release wilfully making defamatory statements against "outsiders" we were not surprised that the Council did a Press Release the next day regarding "outsiders".

And when Buck Sloat stood up in a Town Hall Meeting on Feb. 9th and stated he would never support the "outsiders" because they come to town to commit crimes, was he speaking because he knew what he was talking about or because Fantino had already pressured Council into a "mutual understanding"?

And when Mayor Trainer said on Radio that the OPP should arrest me back on Dec. 14th regarding our Flag Raising Event for Dec. 16th was that because the OPP had just done a Press Release against us?

Just how long has there been this "mutual understanding" between Fantino and the Council? Who is really calling the shots in council – elected members or the OPP?

We believe that council members need to explain this "understanding" to the public. It now appears that council has been giving into Fantino's pressure tactics for some time. The Council has had several closed door meetings with OPP over the past few months – what was said and what pressure tactics did the OPP use?

Someone quoted me the following from a French philosopher:

"There is no greater tyranny than that which hides behind the shield of the law and in the name of justice."

The only reason we know about Fantino's pressure tactics is because they are directed against an individual council member and Fantino put it in writing.

However, for months Fantino had a "mutual understanding" with council.

What was that Understanding?