



## **CALEDONIA CITIZENS ALLIANCE**

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### **ALLIANCE ASSURED HALDIMAND COUNTY WILL REPRESENT CALEDONIA**

In May 2006, stemming from the growing frustration in Caledonia related to the crisis at the Douglas Creek Estates, the Caledonia Citizens Alliance was formed. The Alliance is made up of members from such groups as the Caledonia Regional Chamber of Commerce, the Caledonia BIA, Real Estate representatives, local businesses and a variety of community citizens groups. The goal of the Alliance has been to represent Caledonia to all levels of government, advocate for support for local assistance programs and help provide information to the community.

The Alliance is pleased with its success in providing feedback to the Provincial government regarding the Economic Recovery Program which paid out funds to local businesses as well as urging for funds to be made available to other community social programs that have presently been launched. There is also on-going dialogue regarding other social opportunities for the residents of Caledonia.

In holding several community information nights the Alliance has been able to provide opportunities for the community to hear updated information regarding the ongoing dispute and to voice their concerns. The Alliance has strived to provide the community with an opportunity to address individuals directly involved in negotiating or directly taking part in the ongoing issues regarding DCE.

The Alliance has tried to ensure that our elected representatives remain accountable to the people of Caledonia and Haldimand County; not to act as elected representatives or as negotiators themselves. The group is optimistic that our current and newly elected local council will continue to promote the interests of the community and ensure that Caledonia is involved in all aspects of a fair resolution to the DCE dispute. The Alliance has been assured those individuals at the table have the best interests of Caledonia in mind and therefore the CCA will focus on working quietly in the interests of social and economic recovery for the greater Caledonia.

The Alliance is also pleased that the Advisory table, headed by Federal representative Steve Ramstead and Provincial representative John Nolan has begun meeting. This Advisory Table as been formed to focus on providing input to the Archeological and Appearance side table. The CCA is hopeful that this group of local community members will be in a position to provide information and feedback to the community as to their ongoing progress.

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