

Report on Sept. 20th Liaison Meeting

OPP

- Dialogue with DCE occupants continues.
- Frequency of incidents is declining.
- Feedback from residents in and visiting the zone is becoming less supportive of stationary checkpoints and foot patrols. While by no means all want them to go away, it was quite apparent that people were interested in trying to adjust. OPP decided to maintain presence and number, but fewer checkpoints and patrols.
- Contingency plans are being developed for Oct 15 "March" being promoted by McHale. Organizers are liable and these types of events require permits from the County and proof of insurance. Inquiries have been made of the County concerning requirements. Legal recourse may be taken. County reports that McHale is coming to their meeting on Oct. 10 looking for money. In general, all in attendance spoke strongly against the "March" as it would do nothing but raise potential to create incidents and further tarnish community peace --- therefore adversely affecting social and economic fabric of the community.
- Despite rumours, negotiators and OPP state that they do not see any evidence of trenching or underground operations on DCE. However, the County does have equipment doing some work on drainage at the request of the Baptist church.
- Mon. EMS responded to a heart attack call on 6th line.
- A news release is being considered prior to the Fair.
- OPP and negotiators will discuss DCE site activities and find ways to inform area residents about planned mowing and archeological work expected to begin soon on DCE.
- Meeting participants advised OPP that service to 6th line continues to frustrate people. OPP advised the protocol is 911, then both OPP and 6N with respond with OPP standing by unless necessary. County and Community representatives felt that while support coverage of 6th line by 6N police may have been and is the protocol today, their limited resources should not have to be directed in that manner when it is the primary responsibility of the OPP.

Provincial

- Government decision concerning support for residents is still pending.
- Counseling was approved and delivery agencies are putting logistics in place.
- Business assist program offering support as a result of the blockade has been wrapped up. \$1.4 used. \$100K was assigned to County for Strategic Development Planning purposes. There was strong community and provincial government support for a stakeholder participation process that recognized Ontario growth is primarily in small/medium enterprises. All communities should organize to provide opportunity for these enterprises to establish themselves. Several Community people volunteered to assist in that project which was highly supported by the Minister of Economic Development.

Feds

- Appreciation was noted when it was learned the new representative will be available at the next meeting.

CCA

- With it's limited resources, the CCA has not intention of concerning themselves with the Appeal, but will continue to focus on strengthening social and economic recovery.
- There is favourable evidence of increasing interaction between people of 6N and Caledonia. Despite this effort to reach out to each other, some will be very challenged to look past the hurt that has occurred.
- There are still some active trouble makers in town, but greatest threat is likely outside of Caledonia and 6N.
- Media seems to be ramping up a bit as Appeal date approaches and government convenes again.
- Jan Watson, Rolf Gerstenberger & Andy Orkin at McKinnon on Sat. 30th.
- Ralph will continue at lias table as able.

A/A Table

- Ramsey was in town last week Wed. while we were meeting. He did talk with some in zone. His message was 100' buffer & signs down, ATV's and noise stopped and staying for the winter was not an option. He also met with McNaughton to discuss the occupation. Respect from all people concerning the buffer is a key issue.
- Confederacy appears to be doing some kind of survey, not sure of details.
- Confederacy not supporting trailer issue in Brantford, issued a statement to that effect.
- Signs down, some flags still present but fewer. A larger and more professional reclamation/history sign is planned by the Natives for on the DCE property.
- N.Dame – no incidents, cameras in place and working both inside and outside. Fence looks good and comments are more favourable than expected.
- Archeological work is to begin on 25th. Mowing to take place before that. Work will begin at North end. Work is expected to continue until end of year.
- Website up <http://www.aboriginalaffairs.osaa.gov.on.ca/english/caledonia/>
- Chris Mayer is attending Thursday at CCA organized public meeting with Bob Salac moderating. OPP, County and CCA will be present.
- Nolan and Woods talked about plans for the Advisory Committee. Ralph Luimes advised that Committee participants should be selected from those people living adjacent to the DCE site (6th line, Argyle and Thistlemore). Also, it should include the Mayor and Ward Counselor. If another “at large” person is felt useful, then it should be someone who has demonstrated history advocating for beautification and extensive appreciation for Caledonia, 6N, BIA and the Chamber of Commerce.
- DCE site Counsel meets Sunday and Wed.
- Ont Realty Corp did not yet attend to perform audit of buildings as they are now owned by the province in trust.

County

- Counseling money pass through has been signed off with the province.
- Liability on DCE was discussed in meeting with ORC (building/water/drainage/EMS)

- No requests or inquiries for permits for Oct. 15 march.
- Work is active on DCE drainage and protocol is being developed for water.

General consensus was to continue meeting on a bi-weekly basis until question would be reviewed again later in October.