



Six Nations "Iroquois" Confederacy
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Six Nations Confederacy Council talks break down, Federal and Provincial authorities refuse to move, protesters remain at Douglas Creek Estates

ONONDAGA LONGHOUSE, GRAND RIVER TERRITORY OF THE SIX NATIONS-Talks aimed at ending the standoff at the Douglas Creek Estates in Caledonia, now in its 50th day, have broken down after federal and provincial representatives refused to address issues outlined by Haudenoniso (Confederacy Council) chiefs.

Haudenoniso have been working constantly to find a peaceful resolution to the standoff at Caledonia.

Despite their efforts, both the federal and provincial governments have failed to address issues outlined by the Haudenoniso (Confederacy Council) in a letter sent to them via fact finder Prof., Michael Coyle, March 27, 2006, twenty-one days ago.

Meetings between the parties were held over the Easter Holidays and as late as Monday night, but federal and provincial governments have refused to acknowledge the issues raised the Confederacy Chiefs aimed at a peaceful resolution to the Douglas Creek Estates standoff and longterm land issue rights.

The Haudenoniso had asked that:

-Development at the lands in Caledonia now under reclamation, must cease until there is a broader resolution to the issues of Six Nations land rights.

-There must be a resolve amongst all Crown governmental agencies that the action of the Six Nations people not be viewed in the context of criminal activity; this especially affects the court systems and the police forces.

-The Chiefs had also asked that backroom dealing between the Federal, provincial representatives and the Indian Act Council cease. The Chiefs said this can be corrected by the elimination of the Indian Act council in all issues related to Six Nations lands.

Instead the federal and provincial governments continue to answer only funding requests from the Indian Act council and also promised to speed up their land claim process.

The Confederacy Council has invited the federal government to enter into meaningful negotiations on Six Nations land rights issues that would resolve not only the Douglas Creek Estates standoff but potential future standoffs up and down the Grand River.

The Haudenoniso are seeking a peaceful resolution to the standoff, continued long term talks on land rights issues and a moratorium on development at the Douglas Creek Estates.

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The federal and provincial governments have instead chosen to place blocks in what could be a peaceful path and resolution to this matter.

We urge the Minister of Indian Affairs, Mr. Jim Prentice to immediately become involved in direct talks with the Confederacy Chiefs to reach a peaceful resolution to the standoff and longterm land rights issues.

As Haudenoniso, our path is a peaceful one. We have reached out to Canada, Ontario, the government impose Indian Act Council and our people at the Douglas Creek Estates.

These issues are urgent matters. They require thoughtful, meaningful solutions and the serious attention of all parties, not simply throwing a few dollars at a band council department or promises of what might be.

Canada needs to take this matter seriously and open talks with the Confederacy Council on the issues we have raised in our letter of March 27, 2006 and that still remained not only unresolved but not even considered by the Minister. We urgently await their reply.

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