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ARGYLE STREET SOUTH OPENED TO EMERGENCY SERVICE VEHICLES

Six Nations demonstrators have agreed to provide direct access to Argyle Street South for emergency service vehicles (ambulances and fire trucks). This will allow emergency vehicles to traverse Argyle Street from Hwy # 6, south of Caledonia and open up a more direct route between West Haldimand Hospital in Hagersville and medical facilities in Hamilton.

Today, Six Nations spokesperson Clyde Powless escorted EMS staff from Haldimand County through barriers along Argyle Street to make sure that access was available for emergency vehicles. Mr. Powless agreed to some minor shifting of barriers to safely accommodate passage of EMS vehicles. These changes should be put in place this evening.

The County sees this co-operation as a positive step towards resolving the blockade of roads and the rail line as part of the Douglas Creek Estates demonstration.

Authorized by Tom Patterson, Deputy Mayor

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