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**HALDIMAND COUNTY CALEDONIA CENTRE REMAINS OPEN TO EVERYONE**

*-- County disappointed with circumstances surrounding Six Nations Minor Lacrosse Association departure; reminds community of need for tolerance--*

**Cayuga, Ont.** – Haldimand County Municipal Government today expressed its disappointment with the circumstances that led the Six Nations Minor Lacrosse Association to withdraw from using the Haldimand County Caledonia Centre sports facility.

“Sports and recreation are an important way to bring our local communities together and foster stronger ties during these tense, frustrating times,” said Haldimand County Deputy Mayor Tom Patterson. “We’re disappointed the Six Nations community felt compelled to cancel its use of the arena.”

Patterson stressed that the County’s extensive history of positive relations with the Six Nations community remains something to be valued and protected.

“Haldimand County has a long, positive history of living side-by-side with our neighbours in the Six Nations community and it is important that everyone recognize that and work to ensure we maintain a positive relationship.”

The County reminds all local residents that community sports and recreation facilities remain open and encourages everyone to continue to use them, while honouring the Council-adopted “For Sake of Sport” Policy, which does not tolerate violence or racism. The youth of our respective communities should be able to continue with their sports activities with no fear for their safety.

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