



CALEDONIA CITIZENS ALLIANCE

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Public Safety Still Paramount in Caledonia

The Caledonia Citizens Alliance is pleased with Six Nations show of good faith last night regarding the removal of the barricade from Highway 6 in Caledonia. Don Bowman, chair of the Alliance says, "The removal of this blockade is certainly a step in the right direction, however the Alliance is still extremely concerned with issues of public safety within the community in relation to the ongoing occupation at the Douglas Creek Estates." That site has been the scene of a number of criminal acts over the last few days including the assault of two cameramen, a police officer and harassment of an elderly couple. The Alliance is hopeful that the Six Nations Police along with the OPP can eliminate the criminal element that has surfaced and bring to justice the individuals charged. "Arresting those charged will go a long way towards creating a stronger feeling of security within the community," says Mr. Bowman.

The Alliance stresses that although it is pleased with this positive step and the goodwill of Six Nations, there is still the outstanding Douglas Creek occupation issue which has had a tremendous impact on individuals living around the site. "While removal of the barricade is seen as progress, the true concern is the occupation at Douglas Creek, particularly along the residential subdivision that borders the site," says Ken Hewitt, spokesperson for the Alliance. "It is the Alliance's understanding that Premier McGuinty was not only referring to the Highway 6 and rail barricades when he indicated that he wanted all barriers down around the community, but also to the occupation surrounding the Douglas Creek Estates," stated Mr. Hewitt.

The Alliance will continue to hold public information meetings to keep the community informed as to the group's knowledge of ongoing progress regarding the land dispute. Meetings will be held on Tuesday June 13th at 1:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. and Thursday June 15th at 1:00 p.m. upstairs at the Caledonia Lions Hall, 100 Haddington Street.

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