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Press Release

Some residents of Caledonia who live along the DCE property held a meeting at the beginning of September to get all the various groups in Caledonia to unite around a single message. The residents expressed their fears and concerns that there were too many messages going out to the media for the town to be correctly heard. Since the land claim could take years to resolve, they want an end to the occupation on DCE land and a return to a peaceful life. The meeting ended without a united message.

We were not even thinking about having a March for Freedom when we were invited to this meeting, but we left feeling there must be a way to unite the town and to get the People of Ontario to help. There are crimes committed everyday throughout Canada, but the difference in Caledonia is that the OPP stand by and allow the residents to be victimized, terrorized and intimidated.

The People of Ontario cannot allow the OPP to turn another town into Ipperwash. This is the basis of the simple message of Freedom from Two Tier Justice and racial profiling. A simple message for the Town to unite around Equality and the Charter of Rights. It was our belief that regardless of people's political views and personal agendas that these two fundamental truths are shared by all. This message is independent of Land Claims issues or how slow the Government may or may not be in settling them.

We understood that regardless of where we held the March for Freedom there would always be people who would find fault with the plan. By choosing the DCE land we knew 4 things would happen:

- 1) The Natives would have the opportunity to share the DCE land and prove that their protest was only against the government and not the people of Caledonia.
- 2) The OPP could prove that they are able to maintain the safety of all people regardless of their race and prove they are not enforcing a Two Tier System.
- 3) We believed that everyone would unite against the location of the March but support the need for action and the need for outside help.
- 4) We needed media attention.

We all know how the Natives have responded to non-Natives using DCE land and in the past week we have heard little by anyone about their confidence in the OPP. We have not heard anyone who believes the OPP can ensure safety of people or that they will allow the peaceful gathering of Canadian Citizens. No one believes that the OPP will not be out in full force to ensure that race will be the only criteria used to allow only a certain group of people to walk on DCE land.

In the past week we have heard Mayor Trainer support the need to end Two Tier Justice in Caledonia and she supported the March, "as long as we pick somewhere else in Caledonia". John Tory has sent me a letter asking me to "pick somewhere else near by".

We are therefore announcing that we were never under any delusion about how the OPP & McGuinty would respond to our call for a March on DCE land. We always wanted a peaceful March and it is clear that the OPP cannot ensure that the Natives will not respond with violence. It is clear that the Natives are in fact building up for a battle. In the past 2 weeks bus loads of warriors have arrived on DCE land, OPP have reported hearing gun shots on DCE land and we have posted video of Natives building additional bunkers and guard towers on DCE land.

Therefore, we have formally requested that the County issue permits for the March for Freedom on Oct 15th, from 1 to 4 PM for the fairground and the Town Square. This should end any further fear people have about the violence.

Since both Mayor Trainer and John Tory supported the idea of the March but requested we move it to another location in Caledonia then we expect that both the County and John Tory will give their full public support for the March for Freedom.

We further invite Mr. Tory to take an active role in helping the people of Caledonia by uniting with them on Oct 15 and encouraging all the People of Ontario to Stand UP against Two Tier Justice.

The People of Caledonia have lost all hope and faith in the system, in their political leaders and in the OPP. There is a sense that nothing the people do will make any difference with the Government.

This is why the People of Ontario need to Stand UP to support Caledonia and to bring an end to OPP Two Tier Justice.

Please join us for a Peaceful March for Freedom in Caledonia on Oct. 15th, from 1 to 4 PM at the fairgrounds.

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