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Federal Role #1 – Giving money to McGuinty for Race-Based Policing

The federal government has repeatedly told the public that the Douglas Creek Estate land claim is not a valid claim. They repeatedly stated it was solely a provincial issue of property rights and law enforcement.

Why then did Diane Finley's government help pay for Douglas Creek Estates to be handed over to Native protesters and cover the cost of OPP Race Based Policing in Caledonia? As reported on the Federal Government website, "*payment comprises \$15.8 million toward Ontario's acquisition of the Douglas Creek Estates properties and \$10.6 million toward Ontario's extraordinary policing costs.*"

As an MP for the riding, I would have fought to ensure that this \$26.4 million dollar went directly to a business recovery program for the area or to compensate residents for losses suffered due to the violent and prolonged occupation and attendant lawlessness. Many residents have lost tens of thousands of value in their property so some sort of compensation should have been considered

Before Diane Finley's government offered money to support McGuinty there were many warning her that Race Based Policing had failed in Caledonia. Mayor Trainer; MPP Toby Barrett; Michael McLachlin (President of the Haldimand Law Association) and numerous residents had been tell anyone who would listen that there were serious problems with the way McGuinty and the OPP were handling policing in Caledonia. It appears that either Diane Finley wasn't listening to her own riding or didn't care that average people were being victimized by the illegal Race Based Policing tactics of the OPP.

If elected, I will actively lobby the Federal Government that more money spent in the area MUST go directly to protect and assist the people affected by the failed government policies and NOT to enable racially-biased policing.

OPP officer says there's now two-tier justice

Hamilton Spectator – July 24, 2006

"Some days he is ashamed to be a Haldimand OPP officer. He is ashamed of the two-tier system that has cops treating natives differently from non-natives. He is ashamed of the way the law and order has taken a back seat to politics. He is ashamed the OPP has let down the people of Caledonia"

MPP Toby Barrett – Haldimand Norfolk

Press Release – July 23, 2007

"The rule of law is of particular interest along the Grand River and across sand country. Illegal land seizures, the illegal tobacco trade, and the burden of government regulation have done more than cripple our area's economy - they have caused many to question whether we are all governed by the same set of laws."

"One law for all"

National Post – June 28, 2007

"There cannot be two Criminal Codes in Canada -- one for aboriginals and another for everyone else. One law for all is a fundamental element of the rule of law."

Michael J. McLachlin President, Haldimand Law Association

May 23, 2006

I am writing to you in my capacity as the President of the Haldimand Law Association, which represents lawyers practicing law in Haldimand County. The refusal of the Ontario Provincial Police to comply with and enforce valid and outstanding court orders issued by the Ontario Superior Court of Justice in respect of the land occupation by Natives of the Douglas Creek Estates Development is of great concern to our membership. We believe that the failures of the Ontario Provincial Police to enforce direct court orders has serious implications in respect of the administration of justice, both real and perceived, and the rights of landowners not only in Caledonia and Haldimand County, but throughout the Province... A fundamental characteristic of any democratic civilization is the governance of the Rule of Law. When the Rule of Law comes under attack so do the rights and freedoms of every individual in that society. The Rule of Law is under attack in Haldimand County and the powers that be, that have been entrusted to ensure the operation of the Rule of Law and to protect the rights and freedoms of the residents of Canada, are either refusing or neglecting to act.