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A MESSAGE TO THE CITIZENS OF HALDIMAND COUNTY REGARDING THE CURRENT DEMONSTRATION AT DOUGLAS CREEK ESTATES IN CALEDONIA

We are encouraged by the most recent signed agreement between the Federal and Provincial officials and Six Nations leadership. The agreement demonstrates that negotiations are making progress. One of the Provincial negotiators will be briefing Council tomorrow regarding the agreement and ongoing negotiations.

While the Canadian Charter of Rights permits free speech, we feel it is important that the focus remain on a long-term peaceful solution, which involves demonstrated leadership by the Federal and Provincial governments. We strongly request that calm and patience prevail during this difficult time to ensure the safety of the public.

County officials have been meeting since the start of the current demonstration and continue to meet on a daily basis to ensure the continuation of County services throughout the community, for example, Fire, Ambulance and Police services.

The Six Nations and Haldimand County residents have a long tradition of cooperation and living in harmony. The County will continue to work with all groups to ensure this is maintained.

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