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**HALDIMAND COUNTY COUNCIL STATEMENT RE DOUGLAS CREEK ESTATES  
OCCUPATION**

On April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2006 County representatives Mayor Trainer, Councillor Ashbaugh and CAO Pearce met with Ministers Prentice, Finley and Staffs along with Brant MP Lloyd St Amand in Ottawa and presented a proposal regarding the Douglas Creek Estates occupation.

The County delegation emphasized the need to recognize the Confederacy, expedite the land claims process and compensate the developer and builders.

On April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2006 County representatives re-iterated this proposal to Provincial government officials in Brantford.

The County's position and recommended actions towards resolving the Douglas Creek Estates occupation pre-dated the first session of negotiations that commenced on April 12<sup>th</sup>, and included a number of statements that were also reflected in the Federal and Provincial proposals tabled on April 12<sup>th</sup>.

Over a month later, negotiations continue and the issue has been complicated with the blockade of Argyle Street South, the Hwy. #6 By-pass and the Rail America short line in Caledonia. This blockade has resulted in economic and social hardships for many communities and business centers in the area including Caledonia and the Six Nations Territory.

Council is encouraged by recent developments resulting from negotiations and the possibility that the barricades will be lifted by the end of this week. Council has confidence that the Six Nations leadership can effect the removal of the blockades within this period. This would be a very positive gesture of goodwill that would go a long way towards re-building and improving relationships between the Six Nations and surrounding communities.

Haldimand County Council and staff will continue to provide assistance to the negotiating parties and expects these negotiations will lead to a timely, just and fair conclusion.

Authorized by Tom Patterson, Deputy Mayor

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