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HALDIMAND COUNTY COMMENTS ON TODAY'S ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT

Haldimand County is pleased with the announcements made today by Economic Development and Trade Minister Joe Cordiano, the Minister Responsible for Aboriginal Affairs David Ramsay and Municipal Affairs and Housing Minister John Gerretsen, publicizing:

THE EXPANSION OF THE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR BUSINESSES IN CALEDONIA

The Local Business Emergency Relief Office located at the Haldimand County Caledonia Centre (HCCC), 100 Haddington Street, Caledonia is open Monday to Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Applications for the Expanded Business Recovery Program will not be available until Wednesday, June 21 however documentation for both the Emergency Financial Assistance Program and the Expanded Financial Assistance Program will be accepted prior to Wednesday. Please contact the Local Business Emergency Relief Office directly at 905-318-5367 Ext. 514 or 515 if you have questions.

• FINANCIAL RELIEF FOR RESIDENTS DIRECTLY IMPACTED BY THE SITUATION IN CALEDONIA

As more details become available concerning the emergency financial assistance for individuals and families directly impacted by the situation in Caledonia, this information will be conveyed.

• THE ACQUISITION OF THE DOUGLAS CREEK ESTATES PROPERTY BY THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

Regarding the acquisition of the Douglas Creek Estates property by the Province of Ontario, the County expects to have the opportunity to provide meaningful input into the future of this property.

Haldimand County appreciates the measures announced today. These positive steps will greatly assist in the implementation of the recovery phase, not only for the community of Caledonia, but for all of Haldimand County.

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