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FROM: A/Supt. D. Babbitt RELEASE: June 29, 2006

Canada Day Celebrations

(Caledonia, ON.) Like other communities across our nation the town of Caledonia has scheduled numerous events to celebrate this Canada Day Weekend.

The weekend agenda is a full one beginning with a dance on Friday night and culminating with a planned fireworks display along the historic Grand River at dusk on Saturday evening. Advance advertising done by organizers is sure to entice others to travel to the community to take part.

This is a great opportunity to come together, celebrate Canada's rich history and enjoy the company of friends and loved ones. A concerted effort to remain respectful of others and act responsibly will help us achieve this goal together.

There will be a large police presence in the community over the weekend. Our role is to ensure that peace is kept realizing that there is a level of tension arising from the land reclamation issue. These officers are not here to interfere or hamper the community's celebration in any way. They are there to assist if anyone should use this time of celebration as a venue for confrontation.

It is my hope that the officers on duty over the weekend will observe an event that is symbolic of the goodwill that Canadians possess. In that light it would be a win for everyone if they are not required to intervene at any stage over the course of the weekend. Please have a safe and happy Canada Day.

Note: Interviews with A/Supt. Babbitt can be arranged by contacting the media office.
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