



CALEDONIA CITIZENS ALLIANCE

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ALLIANCE MEETS WITH PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT

Representatives for the Caledonia Citizens Alliance, Jason Clark, Ken Hewitt and Ralph Luimes met with Provincial Government representatives in Toronto this morning. The meeting, which focused on the ongoing land dispute at the Douglas Creek Estates in Caledonia was attended by Mr. David Ramsey, the Minister responsible for Aboriginal Affairs; Economic Development and Trade Minister Joseph Cordiano; and, Dr. Marie Bountrogianni, the Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs and Minister Responsible for Democratic Renewal. The Alliance representatives were pleased with the outcome of the meeting which included loosening the criteria associated with the \$1.5 million in business recovery funds to include compensation for core wages to effected businesses as well as an extension of the deadline by one month to August 21, 2006. "We are pleased that the meeting went so well," said Jason Clark "And we would like to urge all local businesses to apply for the economic assistance recovery funds."

The Alliance representatives also expressed their concern regarding the importance of dealing with any issues relating to the school that backs on the Douglas Creek occupation site to the government officials. Moving forward the Alliance will continue to ensure to the best of their ability that the interests of Caledonia are represented throughout this ongoing land dispute.

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