



## **CALEDONIA CITIZENS ALLIANCE**

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#### **ALLIANCE CONCERNED ABOUT OCTOBER RALLY**

Caledonia Citizens Alliance is worried about the potential fall-out for the community as a result of a rally planned on October 15, 2006 at the Douglas Creek Estates. The Douglas Creek Estates site is at the centre of an ongoing Six Nations land dispute that has created tension within the community of Caledonia and Six Nations since February.

“As much as the community is frustrated with regard to the ongoing dispute, we are of the opinion that the best thing for our community is the cancellation of the rally,” said Joe Galasso, who has been attending Alliance meetings. Galasso expressed that the community is frustrated with the lack of visible progress with respect to the occupation and land claim resolution and is looking for ways to vent that frustration but he stresses, “The Alliance feels that this rally could have some serious implications for our town, and the overall well-being of the entire community, especially the residents who live adjacent to and near the site and could stall the negotiating process that will hopefully result in a fair and peaceful end to the dispute.”

The Alliance has always strived to be a voice representing the best interests of the community and their concern is that this rally may have a negative impact on the local businesses and residents. Ralph Luimes, Alliance member said, “We, as well as the Six Nations, have lived here for many years, we continue to live here through this situation and will have to do so after this is resolved. We will have to deal with the potential fall-out from this rally, which we feel will do nothing but inflame tensions.”

The Alliance is pleased with the positive response from the government with regard to the counselling package. The Haldimand Community Support Centre in partnership with REACH and Woman’s Services will be providing free and confidential counselling services for anyone affected by the ongoing dispute. Please contact H-N REACH at 1.800.265.8087 should you require further information.

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