

Oct. 4 - Lias Meeting Report.....Next meeting - Oct. 18

New participants:

- Monique Doiaon, is lead support to Barb McDougall. She has been working on the project since day one, even prior to Barb being appointed. Monique is assisted by Brock Worobel as communications officer.
- Lena Taylor, Senior Policy Advisor, Ministry of Public Infrastructure Renewal. This ministry manages government land and building holdings. She is working along side John Nolan in managing the site and buildings. The Ontario Realty Corp reports to Lena.

OPP

- Buffer not yet marked is in place. Unfortunately not yet patrolled as hoped, but if weather co-operates they will be out there despite signs not being up there yet. Eleven individuals have been removed from the buffer zone. Protesters are to put up the signs which John Nolan reports have been ordered and received.
- Frequency of incidents continues to decline. But there were some noise incidents where officers were present. Mud attracts bikes and quads.
- Unfortunately, feedback from residents is inconsistent and contradictory, even from people living next to each other. Unfortunately, in other cases residents are speaking from a perspective which is not shared by the police.
- Hunting and dressing of game is permitted, but gun safety suggests prudent distance from residential area.
- The OPP is maintaining their presence despite a different look. However, the effort is heavily dependent on overtime and volunteers from other communities. This is obviously not in the best interest of the tax payer or community. Management is poised to go several different directions, all pending formal approval from upper crust.
- On Oct. 3, OPP investigators and officers performed a re-enactment of the border patrol incident. This was for investigative purposes only.
- Not with standing tickets and some individuals experiencing excessive consumption, the Fair went very well. There were no incidents at the square. Many people spoke with Jesse Porter whose family managed parking at the square.
- OPP is following promotional material about the Oct 15 march/rally very closely. Accordingly, planning follows for more than one visitor.
- The County reported it has not received a request for permit. People in general are increasingly finding the promoter regularly makes inflated reports. Further, he has restructured the website to charge people who visit.....like a tabloid, value goes to the publisher, certainly not Caledonia or 6N communities. There is a concerted effort by many business leaders, residents, community leaders, County Counselors and others are all on to him. They are not putting up with the promotion of activity seemingly intent on disturbing the peace. Many are using this as grounds for not issuing permits. The Brantford Mayor is modeling leadership in this area. No question there will be curious onlookers.
- Painter Rd. incident voluntarily resolved itself with help from Native leadership. If party had not voluntarily left, OPP would have arrested the individual.

Province

- Archeological work is beginning. Process involves mowing, plowing and rain to expose artifacts if they are present. Workers will be wearing orange vests. A newsletter was dropped off to adjacent residents.
- Some extra activity will be taking place to clean up some materials per the direction of Infrastructure Renewal. A dumpster will be used to recycle wood. Siltation and other drainage issues will also receive attention. Wet weather will create problems. A single contact will be appointed from ORC. Unused basements will likely be removed and some sod will be needed around water collection areas.
- AA advisory table has held one meeting and the next meeting will confirm participants from adjacent areas like the 6th line, Oneida, Notre Dame, streets and County. A federal representative is also helping.
- Contractor's Bobcat has been retrieved for repairs and will be returned to contractor.
- Road signage authorities are encouraged to deal with any signage that is not in compliance with municipal regulations, including retail/shop signage.
- Plank Road claim table is active with help from Monique and others.
- Notre Dame has had no incidents. Fence has helped to keep students from simply watching the ongoing activity on DCE. Police join students outside at noon recess.
- The purpose of the side tables is to generate proposals for the main table.

Feds

- Federal team is in place and values the Ontario team.
- Monique works to support the Plank Road claim table effort as well as site issues.
- First meeting of claim table was spent brainstorming on how to approach the claim. Emphasis in being placed on thinking outside the box to move the project along, but still do justice to the task. A process report is to be prepared for Minister Prentice. Governance continues to be a major challenge for the Native community, as province and feds have remains ready.
- Each party has the necessary documents. Much is dependent on interpretation.

CCA

- Emphasis placed on getting the buffer zone marked and actively patrolled for the benefit of all communities.
- Speakers were recruited for the public meeting being held on Oct. 20 at 7 pm in Caledonia (high school or Lions Hall).
- Discussion took place concerning the "Duty to Consult" issue. What is the definition of "consultation and accommodation"? While the County continues to issue building permits, it obviously cannot provide guarantees to builders. The tension is between reasonable disclosure and a native protester always saying it is not enough. The requirement does not include veto power. At this time, there is little case law on the matter.
- Support for residences was raised again. Plan awaits approval of cabinet.