

Hi, Toby here,

Yesterday I was invited to sit with Haldimand Councillors during Committee of the Whole to discuss the impact of Aboriginal issues on the County.

As part of our deliberations I presented the attached proclamation for review and possible action by councillors

Your thoughts (additions, deletions or other changes) would be most welcome.

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FOR PEACE, ORDER AND GOOD GOVERNMENT

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WHEREAS, since February 28, 2006, people across Haldimand County and beyond have been subjected to arson, extortion, barricades, land seizures, occupations, militant protests, and related harassment, intimidation, mob violence and threats to public safety.

AND WHEREAS, the community safety, social and economic life, of Haldimand and neighbouring residents, has declined because of the climate of fear, chaos and uncertainty generated by various acts of lawlessness and related intimidation.

AND WHEREAS, there is a perception, and evidence, of two categories of law, of justice, of police protection, and government action based on one's race and geographical location within Haldimand County and beyond.

AND WHEREAS, the lawlessness, and the less than adequate prevention and response on the part of police and other government authorities regarding these illegal acts appears to be tolerated, and perhaps condoned, by provincial and federal government policy.

AND WHEREAS, both the provincial and federal governments have legislative, regulatory, enforcement, decision-making and policy-making capability beyond the mandate and scope of Haldimand County.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that Haldimand County, in support of all of its residents, proclaim and request, with utmost urgency, that the following actions be taken where mandated at the provincial and federal level:

1. Restore police patrol, response and enforcement as well as justice, order and the rule of law, including court injunctions, throughout Haldimand County regardless of one's race or geographical location.
2. Cease all land dispute negotiations and related actions until extortion, and illegal occupations and protests are terminated.
3. Budget and publicly set timelines and deadlines to continue to resolve legitimate land disputes

expeditiously within a climate of openness, mutual respect, and justice for all affected.

4. Compensate individuals, businesses and the municipality for loss, insecurity, economic decline, and any other collateral damage stemming from provincial and federal decisions and policy, or lack thereof, that have eroded peace, order and good government in Haldimand County and beyond.

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Respectfully submitted, Toby Barrett, MPP Haldimand-Norfolk -- February 11, 2008