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### **Taxpayers Federation Honours Gary McHale with Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal**

On February 18, 2013 the respected Canadian Taxpayers Federation will be awarding CANACE Executive Director Gary McHale with the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal in recognition of his dedication to restoring the rule of law and bringing an end to the racially-biased policing policies of the Ontario Provincial Police during the ongoing Caledonia crisis.

For seven years many people in and outside Haldimand County have spoken out against the injustice of racial policing. While Commissioner Chris Lewis and Premier Dalton McGuinty may be proud that they have institutionalized two tier justice in Ontario, average citizens have rejected this corruption of our legal system and the systematic violation of the Charter of Rights and Freedoms. In a modern democratic society no government can be allowed to withdraw the fundamental rights of entire groups of people.

Similarly, regardless of historical grievances no group of people can be permitted to victimize another group. The police and government cannot be allowed to stand by and watch as laws are violated; people are hospitalized; property is destroyed; livelihoods jeopardized while innocent people live in fear due to the failed policing policies that have victimized so many. Canadians once believed that the days when supremacists attacked other races while police stood by was a thing of the past, and occurred only in other countries. Now they do not.

The OPP, with full support from Premier McGuinty, has demonstrated for all to see that Canada is not immune to such a racist approach to law enforcement. 'Never Again!' should be the battle cry of all Canadians as we witness OPP racist policing policies spread to other police forces across Ontario. We must ensure that the next generation will never have to ask, "Why did you not stand up for equality and justice for me?"

Over \$120 million of taxpayers' money has been wasted in Caledonia on the failed policing policies of the OPP. Every community in Ontario has been forced to finance the enforcement of racist policies whereby millions of dollars have been paid out to cover the lawsuits due to the violation of the Charter of Rights and Freedoms. Tens of millions more will be wasted in Caledonia over the next few years to cover the outstanding lawsuits. These costs, however, pale in comparison to the estimate by Haldimand –Norfolk MPP Toby Barrett that, according to a 2008 accounting he presented before the Standing Committee on Estimates the lawlessness has cost over \$4.1 billion in lost economic activity in Haldimand County, and \$7B if one includes other occupations and protests across Ontario. Over the past 5 years these numbers have doubled and tripled.

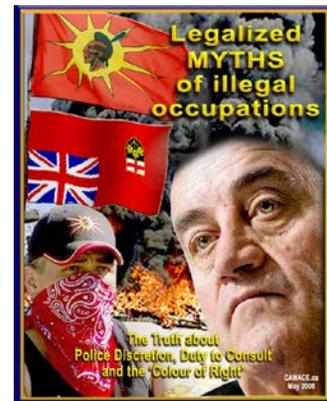
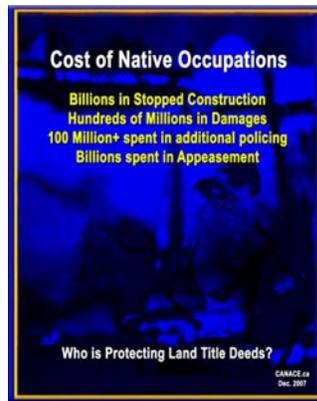
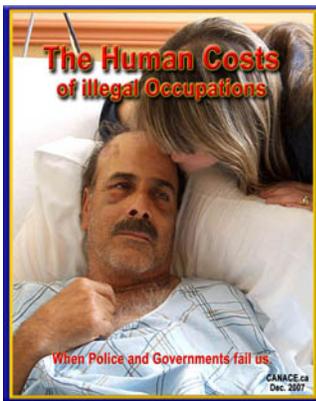
Upon receiving confirmation of his nomination Mr. McHale said:

"My work is made possible through the support of the many others who have stood with me, often at great personal sacrifice to themselves. This medal, and the nomination by the Canadian Taxpayers Federation that made it possible, is for them, too. It shows that good people throughout Ontario and Canada have seen the injustice in Caledonia and are willing to stand with us as we expose – and oppose – the racist policies that have caused enormous human and economic losses on innocent Canadian taxpayers. This medal sends a strong message that the OPP and all political parties should take note: citizens will not surrender their rights and freedoms on the altar of political correctness."

CANACE is honoured that the Canadian Taxpayers Federation has had the courage to take a stand against injustice by awarding this medal. It is long past time to put an end to the policies that have cost our province so dearly in both human and economic terms.

- MPP Toby Barrett, Feb 22/10: [How much are these land disputes costing us?](#) (\$4.1B)

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