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PROVINCE COMMITS TO COMMUNICATIONS AND BUSINESS ASSISTANCE

Haldimand County is pleased to announce that the Province has committed to a \$50,000.00 grant to the County in order to assist with the promotion of affected businesses. A further \$50,000.00 grant will also be provided to the County to assist in the development of a broad-based communications strategy. The grants are a direct result of meetings last week between County Council, Senior Staff and the Caledonia Chamber of Commerce with Mr. John Burke, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing and Mr. Neil Smith, Assistant Deputy Minister, Ministry of Economic Development and Trade for the Province. County staff will be meeting with Provincial officials this week to identify first steps in retaining a consulting firm to undertake these tasks.

The County also welcomes the announcement of the appointment of former Provincial Premier David Peterson to attempt to resolve the Douglas Creek Estates demonstration. Mr. Peterson met with Haldimand County Council today as part of the process of gathering information in his attempts to arrive at a resolution for all parties in the Caledonia situation.

Further, as a result of an earlier request to the Province by Haldimand County Council, the Corporation of Haldimand County has been granted Observer status for the working groups as part of the Federal/Provincial/Six Nations negotiations dealing with the issues related to Douglas Creek Estates.

The Ontario Government has created a toll free public information line. Those wishing to obtain additional information can contact the Ontario Government information line at 1-866-876-7672, and the TTY number at 1-800-387-5559. The information line operates Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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