

Haldimand Police Services Board (The Board)

December 02, 2020

Clarification and Apology:

On September 23, 2020 the Haldimand Police Services Board released a position paper directed towards the Ontario Provincial Police. The intent of the position paper was to express concerns received by citizens of Caledonia about the police response to lawless acts committed by the Land Defenders on August 05, 2020. The concerns raised were directed to the OPP and the Board's position was that in Canada there should be only one law applicable to all and enforced in an unbiased, non-prejudicial manner and that it should apply equally to all Canadians. The Board also requested that the OPP policy "A Framework for Police Preparedness for Indigenous Critical Incidents" needed to be reviewed and revised as recommended by Justice, Mr. Sidney Linden. This recommendation was made based on the fact the policy obviously wasn't working and a review was required.

Unfortunately, in one paragraph, the Board chose to use the words Terrorism and Terrorists. The Board acknowledges that these words should not have been used. The Board also acknowledges that Terrorism and Terrorists can only be legally determined by the courts. There is a process in Canadian law where permission must be granted by the Attorney General in order to initiate any allegation of Terrorism. In addition to this, Terrorism cannot be legally determined until there is a finding of guilt at a trial conducted before a Judge in a court of competent jurisdiction.

The Board apologizes for any upset this may have caused to any person.