

A Deal Is A Deal!

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As my brothers and sisters maybe aware of through the news, another land claim issue has erupted in Caledonia. Just like a lot of issues the real whole story doesn't get out to the public.

To make things simple here is the basis of any land claims and the reasons we are seeing these standoffs at this time.

1) Aboriginals signed deals, we call Treaties with the government of Canada ensuring territories and self-government and with a lot of promises so that everyone could live in Peace.

2) The Indian Act comes into effect in 1867 essentially making Native People "Wards of the Crown". During this time being a "Ward of the Crown" meant Native People couldn't vote, or couldn't bring forth lawsuits. All the while, Natives watched their lands shrink and their children being taken from their family homes.

3) The 1960's bring about small changes, wherein Native People were allowed to vote, and were no longer "Wards of the Crown". Soon after, the legal battle began; first Native Peoples fought for their children to be returned to their families and secondly, the Natives fought for the Ancestral Lands to be returned.

4) The Caledonia issue is that this land had been sold and developed in total disregard of the original land deeds and promise.

5) The government has always been very aware of these promises and has remained very creative in keeping the Truth and Reality out of the Public Eye.

As Aboriginal People, we want the same basic respect that everyone else has in this country. That your land is your land. How would you feel if the government took your family farm? And later proceeded to torture your family just to avoid dealing with the legal issues?

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