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By email

October 23, 2020

Brian Haggith
Vice Chair, Haldimand Police Services Board
53 Thorburn Street South
Cayuga ON N0A 1E0
c/o Tracey Cassidy
tcassidy@haldimandcounty.on.ca

Dear Brian Haggith:

Thank you for your October 7, 2020 email requesting a meeting with myself or Mario Di Tommaso, Deputy Solicitor General of Community Safety, regarding the situation and protests over the McKenzie Meadows housing development site.

I appreciate you bringing the Haldimand Police Services Board's concerns to my attention. As the Solicitor General, it would be inappropriate for me to comment on ongoing specific operations of the OPP. There is a risk that such comments may cause an appearance of undue political interference on the operational independence of a police service.

Further to the Agreement under section 10 of the *Police Services Act* between the Province of Ontario and the Corporation of Haldimand County, disputes concerning policing issues arising out of the interpretation, application, administration, or alleged violation of the Agreement should be dealt with pursuant to the Dispute Resolution Mechanism in the Agreement. As such, I encourage the Board to engage this mechanism to address its concerns.

At this time, I must respectfully decline the invitation to speak with the Board on the matters outlined in your correspondence.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sylvia Jones'.

Sylvia Jones
Solicitor General

c: Mario Di Tommaso, O.O.M.
Deputy Solicitor General, Community Safety