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<p>I am writing in response to the Haldimand Police Services Board behaviour as reported by Jorge Barrera on Sept 25, 2020.</p> <p>The Board's statements are a shameful reminder of our broken relationship with our region's Indigenous Peoples. To suggest that the Six Nations folks are not entitled to their day in court (now set for 2022) in order to resolve the land dispute is to actively disregard and disrespect Canadian law. To suggest that while we wait for the court's decision in 2022, disputed land ought to be developed by a home-building corporation all the while being protected by police, but that land protectors are not entitled to the same protection by police, is reprehensible. I am well aware of the recent court injunction, however, it leaves room for the police to administer the law in a manner they see fit. To put pressure on police to act in haste to remove land protectors when there is no immediate need, is to allow the Board members' racism against Indigenous Peoples to 'rear its ugly head.'</p> <p>Hire Board members who will calm tensions, help others to appreciate the historical complexities of this issue, and who will commit to building a partnership with our Indigenous Peoples instead of destroying the potential for that relationship. That is the future, so it is time to 'get on board.'</p> <p>Jennifer Phillips Alaan Guelph, ON (formerly Dunnville, ON)</p>