

To whom it may concern;

It is with profound regret we write this letter. We understand the county is reviewing its growth plans and we felt compelled to share our experience and our opinion. We are a recently married young professional couple in search of our new family home, looking for a place to plant down our roots and grow the family. We are looking for a home where we could maximize our value while having the small quaint town feel and a close enough drive to Hamilton and Halton (for work). Caledonia seemed to have really checked all of the boxes for us.

Our eyes were set on the big move to Caledonia. We spent quite a bit of a time familiarizing ourselves with the town, walking the streets and talking to residents. That was right until the recent upheaval. The inability to come to a mutual agreement with the Natives has not only caused us to alter our plans but it seems the entire community at large. Through discussions with several of the potential neighbours and community members we understand that this situation is nothing new. It seems as though there is very much a line or rather river that divides the town with very different views, holding different parties responsible. There is no doubt that this unrest is beyond a municipal settlement, however future growth and planning is not.

In our opinion, suggesting anyone to construct, purchase and live in any dwelling that has a foundation on "that side of the river" is both careless on the County's part and is insulting and insensitive to the aboriginal communities making claims to it. We would highly caution the County with respect to future urban planning so as to avoid any future potential scenarios much like we experienced which are turning prospective residents away. We are optimistic that one day soon we will find the perfect home in Caledonia but for now we must patiently wait.

Thank you for your time,

A family looking to call Caledonia home  
Andrew, Raffaella & Victoria Crowe