

FUND RAISER FOR THE MOHAWKS OF TYENDINAGA



HALIFAX ANARCHIST BLACK CROSS

YOU ARE INVITED TO BREAKFAST TO HELP RAISE FUNDS FOR THE TYENDINAGA LEGAL DEFENCE FUND ON SATURDAY APRIL 11TH. THE BREAKFAST WILL BE HELD AT 2477 AGRICOLA STREET STARTING AT 10AM AND GOING UNTIL 1PM. WE ARE SUGGESTING A SLIDING SCALE OF 10-20 DOLLARS. PUT YOUR MONEY WHERE YOUR MOUTH IS. RSVPS SHOULD BE SENT TO HALIFAXABC@RISEUP.NET BY APRIL 4TH.

THE TYENDINAGA SUPPORT COMMITTEE VIA THE TYENDINAGA LEGAL DEFENCE FUND IS CURRENTLY HELPING PAY LEGAL FEES INCURRED COMBATTING THE ONGOING COLONIZATION OF MOHAWK LANDS AS WELL AS SUPPORTING MOHAWK PROTESTERS MAINTAINING THE QUARRY OCCUPATION ON THE UNCEDED CULBERTSON TRACT. MORE INFORMATION ON THE MOHAWKS OF TYENDINAGA THE CULBERTSON TRACT AND SURRENDER 24 ARE INCLUDED LATER ON IN THIS INVITATION.

FOR THIS BREAKFAST WE WILL BE SERVING AS MUCH LOCAL AND ORGANIC FOOD AS POSSIBLE. OUR PROPOSED MENU INCLUDES EGGS TOFU SCRAMBLE ROASTED VEGGIES AND POTATOES HOME-MADE GRANOLA APPLE CRISP FRESHLY BAKED BREAD HUMMUS JUICE TEA AND COFFEE.

A SHORT HISTORY OF THE HALIFAX ABC

HOW WE GOT STARTED

THE HALIFAX ANARCHIST BLACK CROSS CHAPTER WAS FORMED IN THE SUMMER OF 2008 AND

GREW OUT OF DISCUSSIONS REGARDING THE INADEQUATE SUPPORT FOR THOSE WHO WERE ARRESTED AT THE RESIST ATLANTICA DEMONSTRATIONS IN JUNE OF 2007 A LACK OF PRINCIPLED SUPPORT FOR POLITICAL PRISONERS IN GENERAL AND THE ABSENCE OF EXPLICITLY ANARCHIST POLITICAL ORGANIZING IN HALIFAX.

WHO WE ARE

THE HALIFAX ANARCHIST BLACK CROSS IS AN ORGANIZATION FOCUSED ON THE ABOLITION OF PRISONS AND OFFERING SUPPORT TO POLITICAL PRISONERS PRISONERS OF WAR AND THOSE WHO FACE STATE REPRESSION FOR THEIR POLITICAL ACTIVITIES. OUR SUPPORT WORK ENTAILS A NUMBER OF THINGS WRITING AND CORRESPONDING WITH PRISONERS PROVIDING MATERIAL AID AND LITERATURE TO PRISONERS RAISING FUNDS FOR LEGAL DEFENSE AS WELL AS HOSTING EVENTS AND DISSEMINATING INFORMATION TO LET PEOPLE KNOW ABOUT THE PRISONERS' STRUGGLE THE STRUGGLE AGAINST PRISON ITSELF AND THE MOVEMENTS THEY CAME FROM AND ARE STILL A PART OF.

PAST ABC EVENTS

MAY 26TH 2008 FUTURE MEMBERS OF HALIFAX ABC AND OTHERS THROW A BENEFIT SHOW AND BBQ FOR THE MOHAWKS OF TYENDINAGA. OVER 200 DOLLARS WAS RAISED.

[HTTP://WWW.OCAP.CA/SUPPORTTMT/INDEXHTML](http://www.ocap.ca/supporttmt/index.html).

JULY 7TH 2008 HALIFAX ABC THROWS ITS FIRST OFFICIAL BENEFIT SHOW. TABERFUCKS FROM BRITISH COLUMBIA HEADLINED.

SEPTEMBER 25TH 2008 HALIFAX ABC THROWS ITS SECOND BENEFIT SHOW HEADLINED BY CRITICAL CONVICTIONS FROM OTTAWA.

NOVEMBER 14TH 2008 FIRST LETTER WRITING NIGHT IS HELD AT THE ROBERT'S STREET SOCIAL CENTER.

DECEMBER 16TH 2008 SECOND LETTER WRITING NIGHT IS HELD AT THE ROBERT'S STREET SOCIAL CENTER.

JANUARY 10TH 2009 HALIFAX ABC HOSTS ITS THIRD AND MOST FINANCIALLY SUCCESSFUL BENEFIT SHOW TO DATE WITH PLENTY OF FREE VEGETARIAN AND VEGAN FOOD. 400 DOLLARS IS RAISED WITH 200 GOING TOWARDS THE MOHAWKS OF TYENDINAGA AND 200 RESPECTIVELY GOING TOWARDS THE LEGAL DEFENCE FUND FOR THOSE ARRESTED AT THE NOVEMBER 10TH SOLIDARITY BLOCKADE IN GUELPH.

JANUARY 22ND 2009 HALIFAX ABC ALONG WITH BOOKS BEYOND BARS THE LOCAL CAMPUS RADIO STATION CKDU AND THE NOVA SCOTIA PUBLIC INTEREST RESEARCH GROUP NSPIRG PARTICIPATE IN VOICES FROM OUTSIDE - ARTISTS AGAINST THE PRISON INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX A SCREEN-PRINTED POSTER SHOW RAISING MONEY FOR PRISONER SUPPORT AND PRISON ABOLITION ORGANIZATIONS.

JANUARY 26TH 2009 THIRD LETTER WRITING NIGHT IS HELD AT THE DALHOUSIE WOMEN'S CENTER. A MEMBER FROM HALIFAX ABC GIVES AN UPDATE ON THE TARNAC 9 CASE IN FRANCE.
[HTTP://TARNAC9.WORDPRESS.COM](http://tarnac9.wordpress.com)

FEBRUARY 24TH 2009 HALIFAX ABC HOSTS A FILM SCREENING AT THE DALHOUSIE STUDENT UNION BUILDING ON UNIVERSITY AVENUE. THE DOCUMENTARY ATTACK ON MOVE IS SCREENED WHICH COVERS THE REVOLUTIONARY ORGANIZATION MOVE WHICH SURFACED IN THE 1970'S IN PHILADELPHIA WHO WERE HEAVILY REPPRESSED AND BOMBED BY THE PHILADELPHIA POLICE. CURRENTLY THERE ARE EIGHT MOVE MEMBERS OFTEN REFERRED TO AS THE MOVE 9 IN PRISON SERVING 100 YEARS AFTER BEING FRAMED FOR MURDERING A COP IN 1979. THE NINTH

DEFENDANT MERLE AFRICA DIED IN PRISON IN 1998. [HTTP://ONAMOVE.COM/MOVE9/](http://onamove.com/move9/)

MARCH 10TH 2009 FOURTH LETTER WRITING NIGHT IS HELD AT THE DALHOUSIE WOMEN'S CENTER ON SOUTH STREET. AN INTERVIEW WITH DAVID GILBERT IS ALSO SCREENED.

THE MOHAWKS OF TYENDINAGA

TYENDINAGA MOHAWK TERRITORY IS LOCATED ALONG THE SHORE OF THE BAY OF QUINTE BETWEEN BELLEVILLE AND NAPANEE ONTARIO. THIS IS THE HOME OF THE MOHAWKS OF THE BAY OF QUINTE. THE MOHAWK NATION IS ONE OF THE ORIGINAL FIVE NATIONS OF THE IROQUOIS CONFEDERACY OR THE HAUDENOSAUNEE ALONG WITH THE ONEIDA ONONDAGA CAYUGA AND SENECA. THE TUSCARORA WOULD LATER JOIN IN THE 1700S TURNING THE HAUDENOSAUNEE INTO A CONFEDERACY OF SIX NATIONS.

THE MOHAWK COMMUNITY AT THE BAY OF QUINTE WAS FOUNDED AFTER THE AMERICAN WAR OF INDEPENDENCE WHEN JOSEPH BRANT SETTLED WITH OTHER SIX NATIONS FAMILIES ON THE GRAND RIVER WHERE THEY WERE DEEDED 6 MILES OF LAND ON EITHER SIDE OF THE RIVER FROM ITS MOUTH TO ITS SOURCE IN LAKE ERIE. THIS TERRITORY IS KNOWN AS THE HALDIMAND TRACT. IN 1784 THE SIX NATIONS COMMUNITY ON GRAND RIVER WAS FOUNDED. THIS SAME YEAR JOHN DESERONTO AND AROUND 20 FAMILIES CAME BY CANOE TO THE BAY OF QUINTE FROM LACHINE. FOR YEARS DESERONTO PETITIONED THE GOVERNMENT TO RECOGNIZE AND PROTECT THE MOHAWKS TITLE TO LANDS AROUND THE BAY OF QUINTE. IN 1793 THE SIMCOE DEED RECOGNIZED THE LAND AS SET ASIDE FOR THE MOHAWK NATION AT THE BAY OF QUINTE. THIS TRACT IS KNOWN AS THE MOHAWK TRACT AND CONSISTS OF AN AREA OF APPROXIMATELY 92 700 ACRES THAT WAS GRANTED FOR THE USE AND ENJOYMENT OF SIX NATIONS PEOPLE FOREVER. OVER THE NEXT 200 YEARS MUCH OF THE LAND WOULD BE STOLEN FROM THE MOHAWKS. CURRENTLY ONLY 17 000 ACRES ARE IN THE HANDS OF THEIR RIGHTFUL OWNERS.

THE CULBERTSON TRACT AND SURRENDER 24

THE CULBERTSON TRACT IS A 923 ACRE PIECE OF LAND AT THE SOUTH-EAST EDGE OF THE TYENDINAGA TOWNSHIP A NON-NATIVE COMMUNITY. IN 1836 THE LAND WAS ILLEGALLY SOLD TO JOHN CULBERTSON AND THEN LOST TO VARIOUS WHITE SETTLERS OVER THE YEARS. IN NOVEMBER 2003 THE CANADIAN SETTLER STATE RECOGNIZED THAT THE CULBERTSON TRACT WAS NEVER SURRENDERED BY THE MOHAWK NATION AND HAS ATTEMPTED TO GET THE TYENDINAGA MOHAWK TO ACCEPT TO A LAND BUY OUT RATHER THAN THE LAND ITSELF. SURRENDER 24 IS A MUCH LARGER PIECE OF LAND. IT CONSISTS OF 33 000 ACRES OF LAND THAT WAS STOLEN FROM THE MOHAWKS OF TYENDINAGA AND EVENTUALLY GIVEN TO CN DESPITE NUMEROUS ATTEMPTS AT RESISTANCE. IN THE FALL OF 2006 THE TYENDINAGA MOHAWKS LAUNCHED A CAMPAIGN TO TAKE BACK THE CULBERTSON TRACT. THEIR FIRST TARGET WAS A PROPOSED 140 HOME SUBDIVISION THAT WAS TO BE CONSTRUCTED ON THE UNCEDED TERRITORY. DURING THE ACTION A CONVOY OF CANADIAN MILITARY VEHICLES WAS SEEN PATROLLING THE TYENDINAGA RESERVE. IN RESPONSE THE MOHAWKS BLOCKADED AND DETAINED THE CONVOY UNTIL IT WAS ESCORTED OUT OF THE RESERVE BY THE O.P.P. ON JANUARY 10TH 2007 MOHAWKS SHUT DOWN THE ROAD TO THE THURLOW AGGREGATES QUARRY OPERATION IN CONJUNCTION WITH ACTIONS AGAINST CONDO DEVELOPMENTS ON MOHAWK LAND IN DESERONTO. THE NEXT DAY SHAWN BRANT AND MARIO BAPTISTE WERE ARRESTED AND CHARGED IN REGARDS TO THE BLOCKADE OF MILITARY VEHICLES ON NOVEMBER 15TH. SHAWN BRANT WITH UTTERING DEATH THREATS AND MARIO WITH ASSAULT AND MISCHIEF. ON MARCH 22ND 2007 MOHAWKS OF THE BAY OF QUINTE SEIZED CONTROL OF THE GRAVEL QUARRY ON THE STOLEN CULBERTSON TRACT. THE OCCUPIERS DEMANDED THAT THE QUARRY OWNER'S LICENSE BE REVOKED WHILE THE LAND IN QUESTION WAS BEING NEGOTIATED. ONTARIO HAS

STILL REFUSED TO MOVE ON THIS ISSUE. IN THE SPRING OF 2007 MOHAWKS ANNOUNCED THAT THEY WOULD BEGIN A CAMPAIGN OF ECONOMIC DISRUPTION IF THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO DID NOT REVOKE THURLOW AGGREGATE'S QUARRY LICENSE. FOR THIS CAMPAIGN THE TYENDINAGA MOHAWKS NAMED THREE POTENTIAL TARGETS CN RAIL LINES THE TRANSCAN 401 HIGHWAY AND THE TOWN OF DESERONTO. ON APRIL 20TH 2007 A 30 HOUR BLOCKADE OF CN RAIL WAS CONDUCTED WHICH SHUT DOWN THE LINES BETWEEN TORONTO AND MONTREAL. AFTER THE BLOCKADE A WARRANT WAS ISSUED FOR THE ARREST OF SHAWN BRANT FOR DISOBEYING A COURT ORDER AND A BREACH OF RECOGNIZANCE. CN ALSO RETALIATED AGAINST THE MOHAWKS OF TYENDINAGA WITH A 103 MILLION DOLLAR LAWSUIT AGAINST SHAWN BRANT THE BAND COUNCIL OF THE MOHAWKS OF THE BAY OF QUINTE AND OTHER INDIVIDUALS. AS IT STANDS THE LAWSUIT IS STILL STANDING. DURING THE 2007 JUNE 29TH ABORIGINAL DAY OF ACTION TYENDINAGA MOHAWKS STOOD UP ONCE AGAIN AND BLOCKADED VIA RAIL CN AND THE TRANS-CANADA HIGHWAY 401. IN RESPONSE TO THE DAY OF ACTION ANOTHER ARREST WARRANT WAS ISSUED FOR SHAWN BRANT DUE TO HIS ALLEGED ROLE IN THE ACTIONS. ON JULY 5 BRANT TURNED HIMSELF IN AND WAS EVENTUALLY RELEASED ON BAIL ON AUGUST 30TH AFTER TWO DENIALS.

AT PRESENT THE TYENDINAGA MOHAWK COMMUNITY IS BEING TARGETED FOR THEIR OPPOSITION TO A 1.9 MILLION DOLLAR NEW POLICE STATION AS WELL AS THEIR OPPOSITION TO QUARRY OPERATIONS WHERE NO ADEQUATE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENTS HAVE TAKEN PLACE. ON SEPTEMBER 24TH 2008 THE NEW POLICE STATION WAS PUT ON HOLD AFTER TYENDINAGA MOHAWK COMMUNITY MEMBERS BLOCKADED THE INTENDED CONSTRUCTION SITE. NOW SEVERAL DOZEN COMMUNITY MEMBERS ARE FACING ARREST AND CRIMINAL CHARGES. CURRENTLY TWO LAW SUITS HAVE BEEN LAUNCHED AGAINST THE BAND COUNCIL GOVERNMENT OF TYENDINAGA. AGAINST THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW POLICE STATIONS IS A 3.3 MILLION DOLLAR LAWSUIT ACCUSING THE BAND COUNCIL OF NEPOTISM AND ABUSES OF POWER. THE BAND COUNCIL HAS BEEN ACCUSED OF NOT CONSULTING THE COMMUNITY. THE PLAINTIFFS WHO REPRESENT APPROXIMATELY 90 PER CENT OF THE MEMBERS OF THE MOHAWK COMMUNITY OF TYENDINAGA ARE OPPOSED TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE POLICE BUILDING AND SERVICES AT THE PROPOSED LOCATION ... AND ARE DEMANDING THAT MEANINGFUL SUBSTANTIVE AND COMPREHENSIVE CONSULTATIONS TAKE PLACE THE LAWSUIT STATES. THE CLAIM ALLEGES THE FINAL DECISION TO MOVE AHEAD WITH THE POLICE BUILDING WAS MADE IN A SPECIAL SECRET MEETING BY THE ELECTED BAND COUNCIL AND THAT THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT CONSPIRED WITH COUNCIL TO HOLD THE SECRET MEETING AND TO DEMAND AS A CONDITION OF FUNDING THAT THE NEW POLICE BUILDING BE DELIVERED TO THE SITE ... NO LATER THAN MARCH 31ST 2008. A 74 MILLION DOLLAR LAWSUIT HAS ALSO BEEN LAUNCHED AGAINST THE BAND COUNCIL A LOCAL BUSINESSMAN AND A NUMBER OF OTHER GOVERNMENT MINISTRIES IN RELATION TO A QUARRY AND ASPHALT PLANT ON THE RESERVE. A 40-PAGE STATEMENT OF CLAIM FILED IN COURT STATES THAT BOTH PROJECTS ARE EXTREMELY DETRIMENTAL TO THE ENVIRONMENT AND TO HUMAN LIFE AND HABITAT ON THE MOHAWK TERRITORY. THE ENVIRONMENT AND HUMAN LIFE AND HABITAT ARE BEING IRREPARABLY HARMED BY THESE PROJECTS.

THIS AMOUNTS TO AN UNPRECEDENTED ATTEMPT TO CRIMINALIZE AND JAIL ANY EFFECTIVE OPPOSITION IN THE COMMUNITY. THIS IS AN ATTACK ON OUR FAMILIES OUR CHILDREN OUR CULTURE AND THE WAY WE THINK. THIS HAS MOVED BEYOND A SIMPLE COMMUNITY DISPUTE. THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IS MAKING A FINAL PUSH TO ERADICATE THOSE PEOPLE WHO BELIEVE IN THE STRENGTH AND POWER OF THE MOHAWK NATION AND WHO WILL STAND IN ITS DEFENSE.

IN THE COMMUNITY OF TYENDINAGA MORE THAN HALF THE HOMES CAN'T DRINK THEIR WATER AND THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL HAS HAD POISONOUS WATER FOR YEARS.

ON SEPTEMBER 24TH 2008 THE NEW POLICE BUILDING WAS PUT ON HOLD AFTER COMMUNITY

MEMBERS BLOCKADED THE INTENDED SITE OF THE BUILDING. SUCH DEMONSTRATIONS TOOK PLACE AGAIN ON OCTOBER 29TH 2008.

CONCERN OVER THE SECOND QUARRY OPERATION STEMS FROM ALARM AT THE TREMENDOUS SPEED WITH WHICH THIS PARTICULAR QUARRY HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED AND GROWN IN SIZE. THESE FEARS HAVE INCREASED IN RECENT WEEKS AS HOUSEHOLDS IN THE DIRECT VICINITY OF QUARRY OPERATIONS HAVE EXPERIENCED WATER PROBLEMS AND COLLAPSED WELLS FOR THE FIRST TIME EVER.

BUILD-ALL CONTRACTORS IS A COMPANY OWNED BY BELLEVILLE POLICE CHIEF MARACLE'S BROTHER AND HAS BEEN AWARDED THE CONTRACTS FOR BOTH THE POLICE STATION AND THE QUARRY.

