

The story of Kanonhstaton ... continued

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KANONHSTATON

A delegation of around a dozen members of the Six Nations Solidarity Working Group, a sub-branch of CUPE Local 3903, one of the first unions to align itself with Six Nations in solidarity, visited the reclamation site of Kanonhstaton Tuesday to see and hear first hand accounts of the taking back of the former Douglas Creek Estates land and the April 20th, 2006 OPP

raid.

The land reclamation of Kanonhstaton has attracted the attention and participation of several other unions as well, including the Canadian Auto Workers, The Steelworkers Local 1005 out of Hamilton, the Canadian Labour Congress and others.

The group came primarily as an educational field trip to allow some of their newer members to become acquainted with the story and the people of Kanonhstaton.

Jonathan Garlow and John Garlow spoke from their personal perspectives explaining not only the taking of Kanonhstaton, but the trauma of the April 20th, 2006 OPP raid which was thwarted by hundreds of Six Nations citizens.

Jonathan shot a lot of video during those tense times at the site and has edited it into a documentary, although it has not been formally released yet.

It is an honest and raw look at the spring and summer of

2006 and beyond.

"I think enough time has gone by now to maybe release it on YouTube or something after I do a final edit," he says.

John Garlow talked of his role during the reclamation and his current role of holding the site for Six Nations with his presence on the land, along with Eugene Jonathan.

After the meeting at Kanonhstaton the gathering

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A group of around a dozen CUPE local 3903 unionists connected with the Six Nations Solidarity Working Group visited Kanonhstaton Tuesday morning to hear first hand accounts of the reclamation and the ongoing but muted tension that still exists between Six Nations and some of its Caledonia neighbours. (Photo by Jim Windle)