Signs of the times — a reminder of Mohawk Territory

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Gentle reminders have been placed around the Eagles Nest Tract within the provincially recognized City of Brantford by the Mohawk Workers, in the form of signs carrying the simple message, "Mohawk Territory - established 1784."

The signs are intended to remind Brantford residents and politicians alike that there is a serious and legitimate dispute over title of the land that the Mohawks Warriors under Joseph Brant and others of the Six Nations, along with Delaware, Tutelo and members of affiliate Nations, settled upon under the Haldimand Proclamation of 1784.

The small white wooden signs have been erected around the Mohawk Village lands in particular including the Mohawk Chapel, Kanata Village Museum, the Glebe lands located behind Pauline Johnson High School, and at the corner of Erie Ave and Birkett Lane.

The Erie Avenue location has been the scene of several attempts by developers to build an extensive housing project which has been stopped every time by Six Nations men and women land protectors over the past two years.

"I am in full support of what the Workers have done," said Men's Fire member Bill Montour, who has stood against development of contested Six Nations land throughout continued on page 2