

Men's Fire seek injunction on McClung development

By Jim Windle

SIX NATIONS - Tired of waiting for the Elected Council or the Haudenosaunee Development Institute (HDI) to do anything more than send letters expressing their concerns over a huge housing development planned for Caledonia, the Men's Fire organization of Six Nations filed a motion of their own with the Ontario Superior Court on Wednesday, De-

ember 16th.

The move is an attempt to counter an injunction already filed by Empire Homes that would prevent anyone from Six Nations or elsewhere else from obstructing the development of some 3,500 new homes to be built on the old Plank Road, at McClung Road, just north of Caledonia.

"We found out that Henco and Empire Homes are the same," according to Wilf Davie, of the Men's

Fire. "It's all the same players."

If this is true, it is his concern that Henco/Empire Homes may be planning to use the template made at Douglas Creek and wait for the protests to begin to get bought out by Ontario, as had happened in that case.

"Sure," he said. "It's money for nothing."

Haldimand Mayor Ken Hewitt was contacted for comment on this story but

as of press-time had not returned our call.

Members of the Men's Fire themselves put up the cost of the motion, in part, to remain independent of either Band Council or the HDI.

"When we went to court (on September 22nd), that was when the injunction was supposed to get squashed or get renewed, all of a sudden Aaron (Detlor, HDI's lawyer) shows up because he was

representing me," says Men's Fire member Bill Monture. "We were under the impression that no one from Six Nations was going there to stop the injunction or even to address it."

"The hearing was to commence on 16th of November and that very afternoon, he sent an e-mail to Empire Homes stating that Aaron Detlor was not getting involved with either the injunction nor was HDI getting involved with

the McClung properties. I was taken aback by that."

So was the judge apparently.

"The judge got [angry] because he had booked two or three days and rescheduled everybody," says Monture. "We are not named in the injunction but we want to be a party, and to do that we have to put a motion forward." The Men's Fire put that motion

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