

Chronology of Events Ipperwash

- Aug 1990 - Kettle Pt Natives tear out fences/posts off properties of Beach Front residents on West Ipperwash
- Natives charged for first time
- Oct 1992 - Post pulling case discussed with Crown Attorney Don Vale. He advises case must be dropped under Colour of Right – Natives have shown him overwhelming evidence in his words that Kettle Point owns the land – (Beach + 114 Prop.)
- Nov/92 - Land claim on West Ipperwash Property owners + the Beach launched. Residents the only homeowners in Canada being sued for trespassing on their own deeded land, for \$220,000.00 per property.
- Residents must defend themselves or forfeit under default – Lawyer for Kettle Point decided any lawyer with previous background in Native Land claims or Native affairs as being in conflict. We could not retain a lawyer with previous experience in native issues. Is this equal & fair representation under the Laws of Canada?
- July 1993 - Kettle Point Natives engage in harassment of West Beach Homeowners. Camping on properties, loud recordings of native chants, taunting with lights in windows at night with stating, "Come on out white man." Racing vehicles erratically up & down the beach and up the sand dunes in between the homes, ordering residents and tourists at the beach. The police did nothing to stop any of this using Don Vale" "Colour of Right." We thought we owned our property until the courts decided otherwise. The police would do nothing until the ownership issue was resolved. This was the start of the police position out here.
- Even when groups of 20 or more natives announcing themselves as "warriors" came right up on the decks of homes banging on windows and taunting residents, the police would not do anything.
- A meeting with Chatham OPP headquarters produced a ridiculous approach. Put these criteria in place when a person is about to commit an offence against you. 1.) Call a buddy to take notes and witness the offense and what is said and a description of the offences. 2.) Call the OPP. 3.) Camcord the incident. No perpetrator of a crime would wait around long enough to get all this in place. Then do what he came to do.
- We had no protection, no enjoyment of our homes and property and no rights to use our own deeded beach.
- In May/93 Kettle & Stoney Point Natives walk into the Base and occupy the North East portion of the Base.
- In July/95 more Stoney Point Natives oust the army with violence. The army is forced out leaving \$400,000.00 of equipment and personal belongings of army personnel.
- No police are allowed on the Base neither Natives or OPP.
- Area neighbourhoods start experiencing thefts, break & enters, harassments & threats from occupying natives. People in adjacent park harassed & assaulted.
- Sept/95 - Some of Stoney Pointers at the camp enter and illegally take over the Ipperwash Provincial Park.
- Roadways into park are blocked with cement.

- Our car is stopped by natives kicking it and trying to get us out of it. We speed away to go to the West End of Ipperwash to our other home. I call into work that I can't get out to come. Many trying to leave have threats made to them and vehicles vandalized. Insurance companies are calling people to cancel insurance. Ipperwash is considered a war zone.

- The Police are gone.

- Many older, sick people could not get out. The police promised to come back for them but never do. One man is without oxygen for 3 days. The police don't come for him even after repeated calls to them. A friend finally gets him out.

- At native demand, the police do not come back for 3 wks. We are policed by native police and warriors who previously were among those natives harassing us. We are terrified. Women & children who were to be taken out by police, never are. No do the police call them to see if they are safe.

Blocks and old cars.

- Residents are taunted, sworn at, threatened, ordered off the beach.

- Police come in, set up a command centre and road stops. Residents are checked going in and going out. No authority is near the camp or the Park.

Sept 6/95

- Meeting with OPP & residents at Command Post on East Parkway. OPP assure us all is well – to go home and not worry. – 7:30 p.m.

Sept 6 @ 9 p.m.

- Natives from Kettle Point driving up & down Parkway Dr. between the Park and Kettle Point. Buildings in the Park are on fire.

- Natives in the Park are driving around erratically, yelling, whooping and hollering. No one is going anywhere near there. It is frightening.

11:30

- Tactical Team is trying to control the rioting natives. There is gun fire.

- At 6:30 a.m. 2 tactical officers are telling people they must get out now, down East Parkway.

- I am supposed to go to work, so we are up. My husband puts on a radio – Dudley George has been shot. All hell is breaking loose.

- My husband walked over to the OPP Command Post but must hide because natives are running wild all over, beating at police vehicles with boards & stones yelling murderers. The Police leave the area being chased by natives.

- My husband runs back home and we try to get out. All the exits out are on fire. Natives are burning tires and cars.