

NOTE: DAMAGE  
: TOWN  
+ INEQUITY  
IN POLICE  
PROCEDURE

RP#2 Forest Ont.  
P.O. Box 25, 200 150  
July 17/99.

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Mr. Don Elliott QC.  
500 Elmouch St.  
Sarnia Ontario

Dear Mr. Elliott,

We have continued to have serious offences at Apperwash Beach. We now seriously question the ability of the OPP as the intent of the OPP to keep us safe.

On the long weekend in July on the Saturday A.M approx 1:30  
a Mr. John Murbar (in his fifties) and his friend Paul from  
Sarnia Ontario were assaulted by eight native youth  
18, 19 to 20 yrs old on Mr. Murbar's property. Mr. Murbar  
and his friend were thrown to the beach and kicked  
about their heads, chests & abdomens. Mr. Murbar was severely  
injured with facial wounds, broken ribs etc. and  
needed medical attention. He was treated at Stratford  
Hospital. His friend although also injured was not  
seriously. Mr. Murbar has owned property on West  
Parkway St. Apperwash Beach for over thirty years.  
Although he has experienced harassment problems,  
he was afraid to complain to the OPP for fear  
of further problems from natives. He always tried  
to avoid confrontation. He has a summer home here  
as well as a four unit rental. His family &  
some of his tourists were being threatened on  
his deeded property when these natives approached  
after consuming Budweiser beer. Mr. Murbar tried  
to talk to them to avoid any trouble. His female  
tourist was to call 911 after the beating started.  
She had to call 911 several times before the police

came. After the incident when Arne McLaurin reported  
OPP deserting us again and leaving me these 2 native  
corporation, the Town made the OPP give us two OPP  
for OPP work exclusively. One to be here 10pm to 2AM  
and the other specifically for the beach areas

11 pm to 3A.M.

The call to help John was placed at 1:30 AM.

Neither policeman showed up right away.

They waited for 60 minutes from other areas of  
Hampton to be there for backup first.

The residents believe if these two had attended  
immediately John would not have been beaten unconscious.

These arrogant hoodlums even went after the police  
who used pepper spray. The tourist who called 911

was texting from John. She went to Grand Bend to  
make a positive I.D. on two native men the police

caught. They also arrested 1 female native. She was  
let go on the Sunday morning. It is my understanding

one male male was arrested Nov. July 5/99 in  
this incident. They have not been identified to

us on the media because the OPP are refusing to  
release their names. We are outraged. Had it

been one of us beating a native we'd be all over  
the front page. John's tenant refused to stay

here and left the day after to return to Toronto.  
He lost \$4,800. in income for his six week stay.

On July 13/99 Mr. Paul Montgomery who also resides on West Parkway St. Upper West was assaulted by David George, a native from Kettle H. Mr. Montgomery lives 2 roads away from a Ministry of Natural Resource property which has parking & a washroom. On July 13/99 at approx 9:45pm. Paul heard what he thought was firecrackers being set off in the MNR property. Two days ago natives had deliberately set fire to this property. Fortunately the fire did not get out of hand but the grass & shrubs are very dry due to no rain. Paul approached the property cautioning the natives about possibly starting a fire and to do what they were doing in a safer area. David George lit a Roman Candle firecracker and pointed it at Paul. Paul was buried at the chest & abdomen by the firecracker shooting out. The native then chased Paul with an axe threatening to kill him. Paul got home & got the OPP. Another resident walking his dog on the Beach saw the native run onto the Beach & identified him by name to the OPP. He still have not been informed what this native is charged with. Mr. Montgomery has had his home vandalized 7 times in the last year, his vehicle stolen & buried and now he himself has been buried. This man is hardly up there. His home here is only 4 years old. He lives in Brampton and now

has stated he will not come back here and has put his house up for sale.

Paul did however go to Lord Whitehead of the House Standard and also to OPP in Forest to complain about the shoddy protection for residents here.

RE: Another Issue.

Sally Parks of OPP - acting as a native liaison officer between Kettle Pt, Storey Pt at the Base & the OPP confirmed thru the Police Committee Meeting July 14/89 that the Anishinabe Native Police will be patrolling West Oppemash Beach. The residents there are outraged because we pay \$300. per house for OPP under the Bushy Pt policing agreement.

OPP Parks reason for this is that there are not enough OPP officers because of those needed in Grand Bend. It was the OPP Brass that assumed Lambton County 68 OPP officers was sufficient to fulfill the contract. 22-28 officers are sent to Grand Bend. We feel that directing traffic, liquor offences & parking tickets in Grand Bend is not as important as the life threatening situations we have at Oppemash. If the OPP need Anishinabe why are they not being rotated to Forest, Rotholia, Arkona, Grand Bend etc. The Anishinabe will not deal with a native situation at all, never mind

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on the West Beach.

They are being totally compromised all around.  
Someone is going to get killed and you know  
what? I don't think anything will change.

I believe the real reason the Anishinabe  
have been asked by OPP to patrol the West Beach  
is because of Anne McGeenan's incident where  
the police walked away. They just will not  
deal with native offenses on the West Beach.

They are a community ready to fine the OPP  
and get RCMP in here if possible. Let's face  
it the OPP will not go on the Base, Oppenwashtuk,  
Kettle Point Reserve or the West Oppenwashtuk Beach.  
What is left to police here at \$300./hour?

Sincerely  
Mary Lou LaPlante