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The impact of the takeover of Army Camp Ipperwash and the Ipperwash Provincial Park on the residents of Bosanquet has been extreme.

DND, through its failure to remove illegal occupiers, failure to permit the law to be upheld, failure to protect its boundaries, failure to ensure safety at one of its military facilities and ultimate retreat from and desertion of Camp Ipperwash in the middle of the night has created a situation that led to the death of at least one individual, the takeover and destruction of public property, terrorizing of a municipality, destruction of property values, and the tearing apart of a community and its way of life.

The Town has already made available, to Federal representatives, a document outlining in detail our concerns and recommendations in terms of:

1. Personal safety, fire safety, firearms safety, increased criminal activity and law enforcement.
2. The economic impact on our area including loss of jobs at the Army Camp and Park and in the tourism industry in general, loss of over \$125,000 in grants, loss of property assessment base and reduced property values.
3. Increased costs of \$50,000 to respond to emergencies directly attributable to the Army Camp and legal fees of over \$70,000 defending against land claims.
4. Environmental concerns relating to drainage, water and septage.
5. Government coexistence issues such as roadways, servicing, municipal planning, property standards and required joint agreements.
5. Land claims, potential solution mechanisms and potential new claims on property in our Town.

Repeatedly, over the two years preceding the fatal shooting of Dudley George, Town officials advised provincial and federal government cabinet ministers, politicians and bureaucrats of the real potential for injury and death in the area. Unfortunately, unless real progress towards a solution commences immediately, we feel that more injuries and deaths will occur. The Federal and Provincial Governments must not permit this to happen.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Kenneth J. Williams". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

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Chief Administrative Officer

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Town of Bosanquet
Press Release
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The Council of The Town of Bosanquet is shocked and saddened at the events of the last two weeks. The reduction of tensions in the area have been a welcome relief but all Councillors are concerned about what will happen in the future. When the barricades come down, the people of our area will have to live with the legacy of the Army Camp and the Park for a long time

Meeting with Bob Runciman, Ontario Solicitor General:

On Tuesday, 12 September, the Mayor and members of Council met with the Solicitor General and discussed the following issues:

1. The need for a quick return of OPP to the area.
2. The need to ensure that disturbances do not spread beyond the Park boundaries.
3. The need for equitable enforcement of the law.
4. The need for Provincial confirmation that homeowner's insurance policies were still in effect.
5. The need to better inform the public about what is happening.

The Solicitor General was receptive to the recommendations made and gave assurances that they would be given a high priority.

Federal Government again refuses to meet with Town officials:

The Federal Government again refused to meet with Town officials and Council is angered and dismayed by this. Over the past two years the Town has advised the Federal Government of its concerns, requested active involvement by our elected officials and asked for a chance to have input into actions that would have significant and long lasting impacts on Bosanquet residents and their children.

On Tuesday, 12 September, the Mayor requested a brief meeting with Minister of Indian Affairs Ron Irwin while he was in the area but was told that the Minister did not have time to meet with him.

MP Rose Marie Ur meets with Minister of National Defence David Collenette:

Our MP, Mrs. Rose Marie Ur, met with David Collenette in Ottawa this morning and the Town requested she pose the following questions to the Minister:

1. Why was a small group allowed to overrun military forces entrenching themselves on Federal Property, firing on Army Helicopters and Town workers, ramming DND jeeps and committing acts of assault and property destruction without being prosecuted.