

**Kanehsata:ke Mohawks were justified in Peacefully Standing up to  
January 12, 2004 Goon Attack**

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Finally, someone from outside our community, a high ranking official, has gone on record in the Court of Justice to confirm what we have been saying for the last 18 months. The planned attack, on January 12, 2004 was all wrong. James Gabriel was risking lives when he ordered Terry Isaac and Larry Ross to invade Kanehsata:ke with their goons. James Gabriel was directly responsible for the situation. He engaged civil and criminal responsibilities upon the 3 Chiefs in agreement with him.

The sworn supplementary affidavit of SQ Commander Jacques Beaupré is a very important document for us, and the entire community. It is refreshing to know that our community is no longer alone. It is important that people outside our community know and see the truth.

**Highlights of the affidavit include confirmation of the following:**

1. Closing down cigarette shacks with the RCMP's assistance.
2. Firing Chief of Police Tracy Cross, as well as Police Officers Mark Delisle and Michael Dupont.
3. Firing the independent Kanehsata:ke Mohawk Police Commissioners.

**But the attack never should have gone ahead because:**

1. They had incomplete investigations.
2. They hadn't formally identified any suspects.
3. They had no proof, at least not enough for a judge to issue them a warrant.
4. The operation, as planned was "high risk" with no risk management plan.
5. They had no back-up or alternate plan and ultimately;

According to Commander Beaupré: "I was convinced that the operation, as planned, did not respect the rules of policing, had no chance of success and especially risked unleashing a series of events that would be difficult to control".

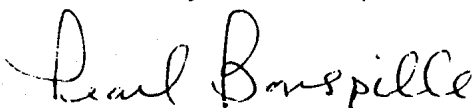
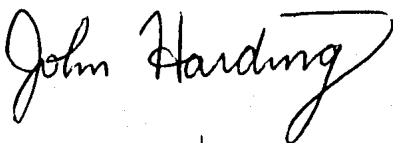
James Gabriel attended a meeting called by the SQ concerning his "operation" just 5 days before the attack, wherein he refused to abide by the recommendations of the SQ. James Gabriel told them he had the power to do what he was doing, and that he was going ahead, with or without their support. He even went so far as to inform them they had a legal obligation to help him if events got out of control.

Of utmost importance, we would like to publicly recognize the efforts of all the people who peacefully stood up against this illegal and hostile armed assault of our Territory. And for those who have continued to stand up for the safety of our community.

Pearl and I have decided to run in this election, and we hope that you will support us in our quest for justice for this community, and restitution for what we have all endured these last 18 months. There is a lot of work to do, and we need strong, responsible leaders to work for Kanehsata:ke.

We remind you, among other concerns, that we do not have the list of eligible voters for the general election on the 25<sup>th</sup> of June. Just 10 days before the election, James Gabriel is the only one who has it. No one in the non-native community in Canada, or any other democratic society would accept undermining an election process in such a way.

Respectfully signed, this 15<sup>th</sup> day of June 2005, at Kanehsata:ke

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