

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION FOR CANACE FOUNDING ADVOCATES
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Gary McHale, President/Executive Director

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Gary McHale is a full time activist working to stop violence and OPP civil rights violations during native land claims. He has been an entrepreneur all his life, creating, selling and servicing accounting software for mid to large corporations. He trades on his extensive experience with the Income Tax Act by offering tax preparation services.

Gary is also a world-class wildlife photographer who has travelled extensively with wife Christine to capture images for their series of interactive wildlife CD ROM's which they were about to take to market prior to becoming involved in the Caledonia issue. Despite having invested countless hours and funds in the design and production of the series the McHales put their business plans on hold to dedicate their time to oppose racially -based policing practices of the OPP. Their CD's are currently for sale in the Wings of Paradise Butterfly Conservatory in Cambridge Ontario.

Accomplishments

- Organizer of Oct 15/06 inaugural 'March for Freedom' in Caledonia which attracted extraordinary media attention on the 2,000 people who peacefully marched through Caledonia to protest against 'Two Tier Justice' in their town. Guest speakers included MPP Toby Barrett, Ipperwash resident/community leader Mary -Lou LaPratte and Caledonia resident Anne-Marie VanSickle.
- Co-organizer and speaker at numerous peaceful public protests against OPP civil rights violations and race-based law enforcement.
- Editor of CaledoniaWakeUpCall.com, written numerous editorials related to Caledonia, Ipperwash land claim lawlessness and human rights issues. Averages approximately 450,000 stories read per month by 18,000 unique visitors that include government agencies across Canada and 138 major corporations in North America. Two year totals (as of July 23/08): 62.6 million hits, 16.8 million files downloaded, 926 GB of data transferred.

Listed as an external reference in online encyclopedia, Wikipedia.org, under '[Caledonia Land Dispute](#).'

Recognized by Ryerson Review of Journalism ([Summer 2008 edition](#)) for providing valuable information to Caledonia residents when media failed to cover the issues.

- Co-founder and Executive Director for Canadian Advocates for Charter Equality (www.CANACE.ca).
- Successfully used 'private prosecution' provisions of the Criminal Code to lay 9 charges – Extortion, Intimidation and Mischief – against two well known native protesters responsible for illegal occupations and construction site shut-downs in Hagersville, Cayuga and Brantford.

- Co-organizer and speaker at various public townhall meetings and legal education workshops in Caledonia and Cayuga, Ontario, most recently on May 07/08: [Video links](#)
- Invited speaker at University of Waterloo, Nov 01/07 re effects of landclaim lawlessness on residents.
- Participated in hundreds of media interviews regarding Caledonia crisis.
- Provided organizational support for the Ipperwash Papers project re failures of official Ipperwash Inquiry www.ipperwashpapers.ca, see also VoiceofCanada, [Ipperwash Papers feature](#))
- Author, CANACE report: [CANACE report: Cost of Native Occupations](#)
- Co-author, CANACE report: [Legalized MYTHS of Illegal Occupations](#)
- Co-author, CANACE report: [The Human Costs of Illegal Occupations](#)
- Organizer and speaker at [Ipperwash Papers](#) news conference in Queen's Park Media Studio, March 14/07.
- Organizer and speaker at [FantinoGate](#) news conference in Queen's Park Media Studio, April 17/07 re complaints against OPP Commissioner Fantino.
- Speaker at [Illegal Smokeshacks](#) news conference in Queen's Park Media Studio, Dec 04/07 following violent attacks by native smokeshack supporters on peaceful citizens protesting against sales of tobacco to Caledonia children.
- One of three people arrested by OPP for attempting to place a Canadian flag on a public utility pole following which he was held in jail overnight without charge.
- One of three CANACE co-founders portrayed in artist Barb Patterson-Tuck's 2008 '[Caught in the Middle](#)' depiction of the Caledonia crisis. Gary is shown in the lower right point of the maple leaf in the centre. Note: CANACE had no prior knowledge of its inclusion in this work.
- Listed in Wikipedia.org category of 'Living People' under '[Gary McHale](#).'

Mr. McHale's accomplishments are remarkable considering the obstacles he has been forced to overcome. See '[CANACE fights for Canadians against incredible odds](#)' at CANACE.ca.'

Mark Vandermaas, Vice-President/Director of Research
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Mark Vandermaas is a full time activist working to stop violence and OPP civil rights violations during native land claims. He is a former Canadian soldier who served a 1978 tour of duty with the United Nations Emergency Force II in the Middle East.

He has an Ontario real estate broker's licence and, prior to becoming involved in the struggle against OPP race-based policing, was nearing completion of a comprehensive, online real estate college based on his educational seminars and experience with first time homebuyers.

After his arrest on Dec 16/06 while attempting to raise a Canadian flag in Caledonia Mark put his real estate career and award-winning real estate college concept on hold to oppose the dangers to Canada's future posed by government-enabled violence and racial policing during land claims.

Accomplishments

- Served as United Nations peacekeeper with Canadian Forces, Egypt, 1978
- Holds Level II (Secret) security clearance, expiry Feb 11/13
- Ontario real estate broker, lic #3013106
- Graduate, Ontario Mortgage Brokers Association (OMBA) licencing course.
- Creator of the Defensive Homebuying College www.defensivehomebuying.ca (temporarily offline for upgrades)
- First prize winner of 1999 McMaster University Business Plan Competition for online real estate education concept.
- Basic Universal Mediation certificate, studied under Franklin Corner, Q.C., CMed
- Editor of VoiceofCanada.ca and CANACE.ca. Authored over 225 articles documenting the struggle against race-based policing on behalf of the victims of landclaim crime and OPP civil rights violations with over 220,000 pages viewed to date.

Listed as a news source for coverage of the Caledonia, Six Nations land dispute on the Yahoo! CANADA News '[In Depth - First Nations](#)' feature.

Listed as an external reference in online encyclopedia, Wikipedia.org, under '[Caledonia Land Dispute](#).'

Recognized by Ryerson Review of Journalism ([Summer 2008 edition](#)) for providing valuable information to Caledonia residents when media failed to cover the issues.

- Co-founder, and Director of Research for Canadian Advocates for Charter Equality (www.CANACE.ca).
- Creator of Caledonia information video, '[March for Freedom: The Struggle to Restore Equal Justice in Ontario, Canada](#)', October 2006.
- Invited speaker at University of Waterloo, Nov 01/07 re effects of landclaim lawlessness on residents.
- Recognized by Ryerson Review of Journalism ([Summer 2008 edition](#)) for providing valuable information to Caledonia residents when media failed to cover the issues.
- Interviewed by various radio and print media outlets covering Caledonia crisis.
- Lead author/investigator for Ipperwash Papers project documenting failures of Ipperwash Inquiry. www.ipperwashpapers.ca (See also VoiceofCanada: [Ipperwash Papers feature](#).)

Speaker at [Ipperwash Papers](#) news conference in Queen's Park Media Studio, March 14/07.

- Interviewed and quoted by Western Standard magazine for July 02/07 feature story on the failures of the Ipperwash Inquiry: '[Protection Racket: An Ontario judge glosses over illegal aboriginal acts at Ipperwash](#)
- Co-author, CANACE report: [Legalized MYTHS of Illegal Occupations](#)
- Co-author, CANACE report: [The Human Costs of Illegal Occupations](#)
- Speaker at [FantinoGate](#) news conference in Queen's Park Media Studio, April 17/07 re complaints against OPP Commissioner Fantino.
- Co-organizer and speaker at various public townhall meetings and legal education workshops in Caledonia and Cayuga, Ontario, most recently on May 07/08 for 'Legalized MYTHS of Illegal Occupations' presentation: [Video links](#)
- Co-organizer and speaker at peaceful public protests events in Caledonia on the comparisons between Ipperwash and Caledonia; the legacy of the Ipperwash Inquiry failures; the importance of speaking out against injustice; and on how native people are being victimized by OPP racial policing policies.
- Addressed Caledonia Rotary Club, July 29/08.
- One of three people arrested by OPP between Dec 02 -16/06 while attempting to raise a Canadian flag on a public utility pole in Caledonia to protest race-based policing..
- One of three CANACE co-founders portrayed in artist Barb Patterson-Tuck's 2008 '[Caught in the Middle' depiction of the Caledonia crisis](#). Mark is shown with his blue United Nations beret on the right side of the maple leaf in the centre. Note: CANACE had no prior knowledge of its inclusion in this work.

Mary-Lou LaPratte, Ipperwash Liaison

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Mary-Lou LaPratte lived in Ipperwash from 1990 to 2007 and was once nominated – unsuccessfully – for the Order of Canada for her tireless work in pursuing justice for the people of Ipperwash. Her house was approximately 400 feet from the site where Dudley George fell. In addition to a decade of assaults, thefts, and intimidation suffered at the hands of native protesters, she and other residents were forced to defend their homes against an invalid land claim at a cost of \$500,000.

Mary-Lou continues to fight for justice and recognition for the suffering of innocent Ipperwash residents. She supplied the majority of documents for the Ipperwash Papers project, including the 29-page chronological history of residents' suffering which the Ipperwash Inquiry refused to publish. It is a shocking indictment of race-based policing that should be a 'must read' for every Canadian citizen. It is listed as document A -1 in the Documents Index at <http://www.ipperwashpapers.ca/>.

Accomplishments:

- served as Vice Chair of the Ipperwash Policing Committee. 1993 to 1996
- organized the first Neighbourhood Watch in Ipperwash. 1993 to 1996
- served on the Executive of ONFIRE (Ontario Federation for Individual Rights and Equality). Security, 1995 to 1997
- President of ONFIRE from 1997 to December 2006.
- Public Relations officer for the West Ipperwash Property Owners Association. 1992 to 2001.
- Conducted 700 hours of research and cataloguing for a class action lawsuit.
- Spokesperson for the West Ipperwash Property Owners Association with the Assessment Review Board from 1995 to 2001 during the litigation on the West Beach Land claim.
- Keynote speaker at inaugural March for Freedom event in Caledonia, Oct 15/06.
- Speaker at [Ipperwash Papers](#) news conference in Queen's Park Media Studio, March 14/07.
- Interviewed and quoted by Western Standard magazine for July 02/07 feature story on the failures of the Ipperwash Inquiry: '[Protection Racket: An Ontario judge glosses over illegal aboriginal acts at Ipperwash.](#)'

Merlyn Kinrade, Treasurer/Caledonia Liaison

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Merlyn works full time working to restore the rule of law and equality before the law in his community and others in Ontario. He is a former member of the Royal Canadian Navy who served on one of the most famous ships in Canadian naval history, HMCS Haida. His service included a tour of duty in Port Said, Egypt on a United Nations peacekeeping mission during the 1956 Suez crisis.

He is a retired Master Plumber who worked for the Ontario Ministry of Correctional Services for 19 years, and he once owned the Riverview Dairy in Caledonia. Merlyn has lived most of his life in Caledonia and has been a steadfast contributor to the community through sponsorship of various sports teams and significant financial generosity that made construction of the original arena possible for the town.

Merlyn also coached hockey and baseball teams in Caledonia, and made a special effort to include needy children from the nearby Six Nations Reserve by providing transportation to and from practices and games, purchasing skates and other equipment for them and ensuring they were well fed during their time with the team.

Accomplishments

- Served as United Nations peacekeeper with Royal Canadian Navy, Egypt, 1956
- Co-organizer and speaker at various public townhall meetings and legal education workshops in Caledonia and Cayuga, Ontario, most recently on May 07/08: [Video links](#)

- Both organizer, co-organizer and speaker at peaceful public protests events in Caledonia.
- Performed numerous media interviews on Caledonia crisis.
- Town spokesperson in famous YouTube video created to satirize Ontario Aboriginal Affairs Minister Michael Bryant's attempt to avoid meeting residents through the use of a series of banal YouTube messages. National Post, March 25/08: [Jonathan Kay on the feistiness of Caledonians and the native lawlessness they won't let us ignore](#) .
- Speaker at [Illegal Smokeshacks](#) news conference in Queen's Park Media Studio, Dec 04/07 following violent attacks by native smokeshack supporters on peaceful citizens protesting against sales of tobacco to Caledonia children.
- Addressed Caledonia Rotary Club, July 29/08.
- One of three CANACE co-founders portrayed in artist Barb Patterson -Tuck's 2008 '[Caught in the Middle' depiction of the Caledonia crisis](#). Merlyn is shown at the top left of the maple leaf in the centre. Note: CANACE had no prior knowledge of its inclusion in this work.

Jeff Parkinson, Secretary/Director of Multimedia Production

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Jeff Parkinson works full time on behalf of CANACE, mainly behind the scenes. He has worked as a truck driver, foster parent, security guard and as an EBay entrepreneur, but his passion is for photography, a talent that has proven invaluable in gathering crucial evidence during CANACE protests to be used in private prosecutions, defence of falsely accused activists and in conveying the CANACE message to the public.

Accomplishments

- Editor of CaledoniaWakeUpCall blog. Authored 85 articles and editorials on land claim lawlessness, OPP civil rights violations and the CANACE struggle to restore the rule of law in Ontario with over 80,000 page views to date.
- Captured crucial video evidence proving that CANACE co-founder Gary McHale was the victim of an assault and a false assault accusation by a native smokeshack supporter on Dec 01/07. This evidence led to charges against one woman.
- Captured evidence of assaults on CANACE co-founders Mark Vandermaas and Gary McHale on Dec 01/07 during which he was thrown to the ground and knocked unconscious before being taken to hospital.
- Gathered evidence at site of illegal occupation and provided court testimony to assist CANACE in obtaining court certification for charges of Extortion, Intimidation and Assault against two leaders of illegal occupations at construction sites in Hagersville and Cayuga, Ontario.
- Captured important images and produced short movies documenting CANACE activities, including a protest at the home of OPP Commissioner Julian Fantino on March 02/08. See, '[Fantino home protest video – we will not give up our rights!](#)'

- Speaker at CANACE 'Canada at the Crossroads' seminar, Caledonia Lions Hall, June 10/07.

What motivates the founders of CANACE?

The following articles will explain, in part, the motivation and philosophy that drives the founders of CANACE as well as provide some insight into the challenges we have faced:

1. [CANACE fights for Canadians against incredible odds](#)
2. [Provoking Violence](#)
3. [Queen's Park speech by Meryl Kinrade: "Are we a failed state?"](#)
4. [Let's remember Jack tomorrow](#)
5. [Dancer's Courage!](#)
6. The Sachem, Carie Walker, Mar 07/08: [Fantino not home for rally](#)
7. [VoC speech at 'Remember Us' March, Oct 08/07](#)
8. [History comes to Hamilton: "No one was left to speak for me."](#)
9. [The Heart of Compassion is...](#)
10. [How & Why I became part of CaledoniaWakeUpCall](#)

