

Re: FW: Homemade billboard north of Goderich

From 'Patrick Corvyn' <nohateinhuron@proton.me>
To Thompson-co, Lisa <lisa.thompsonco@pc.ola.org>
CC Lobb, Ben - M.P. <Ben.lobb@parl.gc.ca>
Date Monday, 23 September 2024 at 20:46

Hello Lisa,

I greatly appreciate the response. I can imagine your office receives a great deal of correspondence.

I suspect there may be a misunderstanding that is crucial for me to clarify. I have not called for the sign's removal. I can understand how some may have made that assumption. I think it's a worthy discussion to have, but it's not the one that I'm focused on. Personally, I tend toward favouring freedom of expression since it can spark vitally important discussions.

My original open letter from August 5, 2024 states its objective clearly:

"We call upon our political representatives and fellow community members to join us in denouncing this racist display."

What I am seeking, along with the signatories to that letter, is a clear, public, and robust repudiation of neo-Nazi ideology from our political leadership.

When it came to my attention that there was a neo-Nazi meetup recently in Goderich, I started an online petition at change.org.

The objective of that petition is along similar lines and states:

"We call on Conservative MP Ben Lobb, Conservative MPP Lisa Thompson, and Mayor of Goderich Trevor Bazinet, to fully and unequivocally denounce neo-Nazi ideology and white supremacy in all of its forms, including the White Lives Matter network."

The link to that petition follows:

change.org/nohateinhuron

I think it is so important for our local leaders to prevent the seeds of hatred from taking root in our beautiful community. The safety and well-being of so many friends, neighbours, and loved ones are at stake.

I have contacted Scott Miller at CTV news asking for a correction in his recent reporting. I believe he has unintentionally, but substantially, distorted my message.

I have copied MP Ben Lobb on this email in hopes of preventing further misunderstanding.

I wish you all the best,

Patrick Corvyn, RN

On Monday, September 23rd, 2024 at 10:16, Thompson-co, Lisa <lisa.thompsonco@pc.ola.org> wrote:

Hello Patrick:

Thank you for reaching out to the office of Lisa Thompson, MPP for Huron-Bruce, regarding the signage on Highway 21 North of Goderich.

Both the Municipality of Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh and our office have contacted the Detachment Commander Inspector at Huron County Ontario Provincial Police. The Huron County OPP Liaison team has visited the property owner to discuss the mobile sign on his property.

Unfortunately we were informed by the OPP that there is nothing that can be done because according to the letter of the law, the property owner is exercising his freedom of expression, which is protected under the Charter of Rights and Freedoms. The OPP has clarified that this action is not considered a criminal offence or a hate crime.

Sincerely,

Office of Lisa M. Thompson



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Dear Lisa Thompson,

On August 5, 2024, I emailed you an open letter regarding a homemade billboard that has often appeared on Highway 21 just north of Goderich.

Many area residents co-signed that letter and it has appeared in both the Kincardine Record and the Goderich Sun.

In that letter I called upon local representatives to respond by denouncing the display and the racist ideology that it represents.

A month has passed since I reached out, but I have not received any response from your office. In the meantime, the number of signatories to that letter has grown. I have attached an updated copy here.

Given that this homemade billboard implies enthusiastic support for both your political party and a known hate group, I had anticipated a clear and swift response.

Would you care to comment at this time?

Sincerely,

Patrick Corvyn, RN

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