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“Where’s Doug?” search party and rally to be held at Ontario PC Party fundraiser featuring Premier Ford and MPP Clark to demand a stop to their Kemptville prison plan

WHAT?

According to their website, the Ontario PC Party will be hosting a \$1,000 per person fundraiser on Friday, October 11th starting at 12:30pm at an undisclosed location to benefit the Leeds-Grenville-Thousand Islands and Rideau Lakes riding association. The party fundraiser will feature disgraced local MPP Steve Clark, who had resigned his post as Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing amid the \$8.3 billion Greenbelt land swap scandal. Also in attendance will be Premier Doug Ford who recently appointed Clark as Government House Leader despite his past failures. With Clark and Ford coming to town, local residents and allies will be taking part in a “Where’s Doug?” search party to find the Ontario PC Party fundraiser in Kemptville where they will stage a rally to save farmland by stopping the Kemptville prison. Copies of a new report exposing the negative environmental impacts of the prison plan will be hand delivered to Clark and Ford.

WHY?

The Kemptville prison plan was announced by the Ford government in August 2020 without any prior consultation with residents or the municipality. Supporters of the campaign to stop the Kemptville prison are fighting to halt the facility from being built on the 178-acre property that includes prime agricultural land and existing farm buildings purposely being left idled by the province, a floodplain slated to be paved over for the project, as well as a Rideau River watershed creek and a number of at-risk species that would be harmed if the plan moves forward. This prison does not belong in Kemptville in a time of food insecurity and climate catastrophe or in any backyard given the proven and costly failures of imprisonment. It needs to be stopped.

WHO?

The rally is being organized by the Coalition Against the Proposed Prison | CAPP – www.cappkemptville.ca

WHEN?

Friday, October 11, 2024
12:00pm-1:00pm

WHERE?

820 Heritage Drive
Kemptville, Ontario | unceded and unsundered Algonquin Anishinaabe Territory

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