

# Foundation won't back Metcalf

A lawyer for Jean Metcalfe, the 52-year-old Smiths Falls woman who claims to be allergic to almost everything, says they will continue the fight to regain her home despite a statement from an ecological group dissociating itself from her.

"I'm rather disappointed," John Gorman said in an interview Sunday night.

"I would have thought they (the group) would have been the last ones to have abandoned her."

The Human Ecology Foundation of Canada said Friday it was embarrassed by the tactics used by Gorman and Metcalfe to regain the home seized by the Bank of Montreal after Metcalfe defaulted on her mortgage payments.

Darlene Koski, president of the foundation that helps finance research into total allergy syndrome, said Metcalfe should give up the confrontation.

"We do not agree with this line of sensationalism," Koski said.

"Metcalf is using a confrontation approach and we want no part of it."

She said the foundation is withdrawing its "moral support."

Gorman said: "It's typical of what's happened to Jean Metcalfe."

"First some friends, then Smiths Falls, then the politicians ... everyone has abandoned her."

Gorman said he also proposed the bank make a \$100,000 tax-deductible donation to the Human Ecology Foundation because the "the bank has had very large profits over the past few years."

Koski said the request for the donation was made without the knowledge of the foundation and would not be accepted even if it were made.

"If they (the foundation) don't want it, then maybe Jean will set up her own foundation and invite doctors who really want to fight this problem," said Gorman.

Metcalf was unable for comment.