



Nikki Cole

Interview request RE: Human Rights Tribunal

To: Leah Dyck

This can't be true. I've reached out to more than 200 national news reporters, begging them to report on this, and no one has responded. Nikki Cole is the only person trying to talk to me.

Morning Leah,

Hope you're doing well.

Now that an official investigation has been launched by the Human Rights Tribunal, we are actually able to proceed with a story. (As I am sure you understand, until this time, we were unable to move forward with anything).

Would you be available over the weekend - or early next week - for a phone interview to discuss your complaint, and the legal proceedings, etc?

I look forward to hearing from you,
Nikki

After finding [this YouTube video](#), I realized that perhaps no reporters are reporting on this because they can't until the HRTD determines the end result, which was what was reported in the linked video. But that's just a guess.

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Leah Dyck

Re: Interview request RE: Human Rights Tribunal

To: Nikki Cole

July 26, 2024 at 1:25 PM

Nikki,

I understand why you wouldn't be able to move forward with the story, but you actively tried to cover it up. Did you do anything to look into it? Or did you just assume I was a liar? If you did, that's irresponsible. If this was about something that wasn't about life and death, then I wouldn't be so upset. But I'm actually not lying when I say my suffering is unbearable. And my life isn't even that bad compared to soooo many other peoples.

And why couldn't you have responded in the meantime? Even if it was just a short couple of sentences like what you just said, which does make total sense. That was actually my first thought when you ghosted me. You simply didn't know if it was true. But then you covered it up by praising them.

I desperately want to talk to you about this so you can report on it, but I don't trust you.

I don't know how to trust you if you can't make me understand why you didn't even bother looking into it.

And you can't say asking them is looking into it because if they are guilty, they're obviously going to lie about it. That's not looking into it.

An acknowledge of where I'm coming from would be helpful.

Leah



Nikki Cole

Re: Interview request RE: Human Rights Tribunal

To: Leah Dyck

July 26, 2024 at 3:58 PM



Hi Leah,

I'm unsure what you think I or BarrieToday actively covered up but I can guarantee that would never be the case with any story.

When I reached out a few months back it was for an interview that was being included in a 10-part series addressing a variety of different housing issues. The one I was working on at that time was about individual stories and experiences.

I did actually respond to you letting you know that I would not be able to pursue the issue you'd requested at that time. If you didn't receive it then I can understand why you'd think that you were being ignored - however I can assure you that was not the case.

We deal with official legal paperwork/complaints which is pretty standard operating procedure for news outlets.

Anyone can say they're going to file, but we address it once they have done so - which is why I've contacted you now.

If you do not want to talk about it then we will just work from the complaint paperwork.

Take care,

I checked my emails again and I still haven't found this email she's referring to. I think she's lying like all the other respondents.

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Leah Dyck

Re: Interview request RE: Human Rights Tribunal

To: Nikki Cole

July 26, 2024 at 6:11 PM



Thank you for taking the time to explain all this.

I didn't realize you responded. Thank you for saying that. I'll go look for it. I'm sure I missed it. It sounds like some something I'd do.

Yes, I would like to speak to you about what's going on. I've had quite a few people who work in other housing organizations tell me that there's a lot of things wrong going on here as well (which is reassuring).

I would be available to speak with you this weekend if you're available? Any day or time works.

Thank you for taking the time to explain. I really appreciate it.

Leah

Sent from my iPhone

[See More from Nikki Cole](#)



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Re: Interview request RE: Human Rights Tribunal

To: Leah Dyck

July 28, 2024 at 2:16 PM

Hi Leah,

Sorry this weekend has been bananas. Do you have time on Monday or Tuesday?

I am free Monday any time after 930 and until 330 or Tuesday between 10-11 or between 130-330.

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After reading the message from this Mill Creek tenant, I realized that Nikki either didn't bother asking any other tenants about their housing experience, or she did and deliberately reported the exact opposite of the truth. So I stopped responding to her.



Nikki Cole

Re: Interview request RE: Human Rights Tribunal

To: Leah Dyck

July 30, 2024 at 2:26 PM

Hi Leah - just wanted to touch base again. See if you've got time to talk today or tomorrow?

Thanks

Nikki Cole

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'I think there are beautiful stories that come out of the most desperate situations,' says Barrie mayor, who has been vocal about growing up in social housing

Nikki Cole
Jul 4, 2024 2:30 PM

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True melting pot

Nuttall was eight years old when his parents divorced in 1993. He and his two older brothers, along with their mother, found themselves in need of a place to call home.

Fortunately, they were able to get a spot at Mill Creek, which at the time was a "heavily subsidized" 120-unit social housing complex on Yonge Street in the city's south end.

"It was a place where we were able to have a roof over our heads," he said of the three-bedroom townhouse with a walk-in closet. "That walk-in closet was actually my bedroom for a long time. It was a saviour for our family."

Barrie Housing's Mill Creek complex is located on Yonge Street in the city's south end. | Raymond Bower/BarrieToday files

Fri 5:57 AM

Hey I live in Barrie housing and my entire complex will pretty much help you

You can now call each other and see information like Active Status and when you've read messages.

M [Redacted]

I'm so sorry for the super late response!

Thank you for reaching out. That's wonderful that your whole complex will help. That's awesome!

Which complex are you in?

And did you see the 'Q&A' post that lists a few things tenants can start doing?

I need a lawyer badly. I think I'm going to do a post shortly just to ask some legal questions and see if anyone can give me some answers.

10:27 AM

I am in mill creek and no I haven't yet but I will try and find that post!