



City of Barrie

Webform submission from: Complaint Submission

To: leah.dyck@icloud.com

July 25, 2024 at 9:09 AM



Submitted on Thu, 07/25/2024 - 09:09

Submitted by: Anonymous

Submitted from: <https://www.barrie.ca/form/complaint-submission>

Submitted values are:

Are you submitting your complaint of behalf of someone else?
No

Full Name
Leah Dyck

Address
507-380 Duckworth Street
Barrie. L4M 6J8

Contact
leah.dyck@icloud.com
7057180062

How would you like us to contact you regarding your complaint?
Email

On July 25, 2024 at 9:09am, I submitted a complaint to The City of Barrie because someone had recommended I do that. Although the reason I never did this until the end of July is because I knew it was a waste of time.



Found in Fresh Food Weekly Mailbox



HRTO-Registrar (MAG)

HRTO FILE: 2024-57443-I Notice of Application

To: leah.dyck@icloud.com, Pathmanathan, Mithila (She/Her) (MCCSS), Cc: MCCSSLegalDocuments (MCCSS)

July 25, 2024 at 9:59 AM

Details

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hrito.registrar@ontario.ca

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Dear Parties:

Please see attached correspondence from the Human Rights Tribunal of Ontario (HRTO), dated **July 25, 2024**.

Sincerely/Cordialement,

Office of the Registrar | Bureau du Greffier

Human Rights Tribunal of Ontario | Tribunal des droits de la personne de l'Ontario

Tel/Tél.: 416-326-1312 | Toll-free/Sans frais: 1-866-598-0322 | TTY/ ATS: 1-800-855-0511

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Details of Complaint

I've lived at 380 Duckworth St., in Barrie, Ont., since 2008. I live in a subsidized unit. My current housing provider is the Simcoe County Housing Corporation (SCHC). Ownership of public housing buildings in Barrie are constantly being swapped between the SCHC and the Barrie Municipal Non-Profit Housing Corporation (BMNPHC). When I first moved into public housing, my building was managed by the BMNPHC.

Maybe 10 years ago, one of their staff, Ashley Sutherland, made a "mistake" with my rent calculations and overcharged me \$175. When I asked three different managers if they could fix this mistake and return the money, they ignored me until one finally called and asked me to setup a repayment assistance plan with her for Ashley's "mistake".

This is the first time I realized they overcharged me. But at the time, I just thought they were too prideful to admit this mistake.

Then they made a \$2700 "mistake" in 2021, but didn't realize this until 2022. I had to ask four different managers over nine months to get this information and it wasn't until I threatened to tell national media outlets until Mary-Anne immediately returned the \$2700.

On my website: www.FreshFoodWeekly.com, I've posted a half-hour audio recording between myself and the BMNPHC's CEO, Mary-Anne Denny-Lusk, where she admits that they "overcharged" me \$2700.

On June 18, 2024, I learned the exact same thing is happening in The Bronx, and that's when I realized this was a systemic problem. I immediately sent this article to Nikki Cole, the reporter at BarrieToday.com who asked me about the BMNPHC and then ghosted me when I told her. She forwarded my email to The City of Barrie's Mayor Alex Nuttall, who has since been interviewed by BarrieToday.com for the Barrie Housing series that praised Barrie Housing for being wonderful.

The County I live in, Simcoe County, is overcharging rent from tenants in subsidized units. When BarrieToday.com asked to interview me for a public housing series, I provided them with all this evidence.

I don't know if the BMNPHC has returned all the money they "over-charged" me because they won't give me a financial breakdown of how they calculated my rent-gear-to-income rates for the last 15 years. I used to think they were just too prideful to admit all their constant "mistakes", which is why I never sought police intervention before. Additionally, I've been working +80hrs/wk running the Fresh Food Weekly program, a food charity that I started. If I wanted to do something about this at any point since 2020, I would have had to shut down the program in order to take the time that's needed to legally pursue The County of Simcoe. When I learned the housing authorities in the States were doing this too, though, I realized that this is a deeply-rooted discrimination, human rights, criminal problem because housing providers are intentionally making their tenant's lives living hell.

My housing provider refuses to provide financial breakdowns of their rent rates for tenants who receive disability.

When covid happened, everyone receiving a social assistance benefit started getting the entire benefit. For me and my daughter, it's \$1300/month. I'm not entitled to the full \$1300/month though and I don't know how you get the full amount either. But because no ODSP staff were working during covid, everyone on any disability benefit got their full amount, even though they weren't eligible for the full amount.

When everyone went back to work again, disabled people started getting their regular rates, but each month, a little bit was being deducted to pay back the "overcharge". This isn't the problem. There's nothing wrong with this.

Barrie Housing charged rent based on the full amounts, so for Leah, her rent was increased to reflect 30% of \$1300/month, instead of the usual 30% of \$850/month.

Furthermore, in 2020, I was also receiving both the CPP Disability benefit, as well as the ODSP benefit. Although people with disabilities can be on both benefit programs at the same time, they can only receive monthly cash payments from one benefit. No one is entitled to cash payments from both benefits at the same time. The reason someone would want to be on both benefit programs, though, is because ODSP covers medical and dental and CPP Disability benefits don't.

Since ODSP pays my rent directly, ODSP just kept paying the BMNPHC directly throughout 2020 and now myself and thousands of other tenants on social assistance owe thousands to ODSP for rent that is being "paid off" to ODSP.

My rent is calculated based on my income. Social assistance benefits are categorized as 'income deposits'. In 2020, between ODSP, CPP Disability, CERB and E.I., I received a total of \$30,947.07, the vast majority of which I have to pay back. I also can't get my ODSP financial breakdown to see how much was paid directly to my housing provider because the Barrie ODSP Office doesn't keep records that old, and apparently there's "nothing" they can do to figure this out.

The BMNPHC and the SCHC refuses to provide financial breakdowns to tenants who receive government assistance, and this is how they're able to "overcharge" tenants without them knowing it. Tenants are simply not given financial breakdowns and if a tenant asks for one, they're ignored.

I tried to get a pro-bono lawyer, but the only evidence I have is of the audio recording and that was collected two years ago, which is the time frame people have to sue; two years after the incident so I've passed my time frame to sue apparently. Although I'm still currently being "overcharged" as we speak, I have no proof because I don't have financial breakdown for my rent. Proof is found through an investigation, and investigations cost lots of money. I've filed a complaint with the Federal Housing Advocate, the Human Rights Tribunal of Ontario, and the Office of the Ombudsman of Ontario, and I haven't heard back from anyone except the Ombudsman's Office (because I called them every day for three days in a row, two weeks after submitting my online complaint). The person on my case is Paige McWilliams and my file number is: 445447. I contacted their office in June. They haven't told me if they're investigating or when they intend to start if they're already investigating, and if so, how long the investigation will take.

I read on the Ombudsman's website that they don't have legal jurisdiction over criminal offences - I wish they would have told me this when I first called and asked if they were the correct investigative authority for this matter. Although, their website does say that if fraud is found in the case of an investigation, they'll contact the Office of the Independent Police Review Director. So I've submitted a complaint to them on July 22, 2024.

I also called the Human Rights Tribunal of Ontario and they told me my application will take 2.5 years. I was in such shock, I forgot to ask them if they meant 2.5 years to look at, or 2.5 years from start to finish.

Additionally, I also learned that the Ontario Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services (CCSS) hasn't been accepting or processing ODSP application in Barrie or Innisfil since at least Covid and they're lying about this. I found this information out through Freedom of Information (FOI) requests (which are posted on my website as well). After posting about this on Facebook, people started commenting about this saying this explains why they were told to go to Newmarket to get their applications processed. They also lied in their FOI response and I know this because one of their other staff, Mithila Pathmanathan didn't realize another one of their staff already answered my FOI with false numbers, and so Mithila provided me with the correct numbers and that's how I knew the first set of numbers I was provided were false (they were lower and Mithila said the numbers she provided were the correct numbers).

Furthermore, Barrie has lost nearly 13,000 full-time jobs since Covid. And The County of Simcoe is not processing or accepting ODSP applications. And our public housing providers are dipping into the few dollars old disabled beneficiaries do get.

Finally, I've been living in Barrie public housing for nearly 16 years and I've never had a renovation. They don't do renovations for people receiving social assistance. In the half-hour audio recording, I'm crying, telling Mary-Anne that I had to take cold showers because I didn't even bother filing out a maintenance form because they don't do maintenance anyways.

And yes, Alex Nuttall was provided with this audio recording and then decided to be interviewed for the BMNPHC series praising them for being a wonderful Housing Services provider.

Now I think the BMNPHC and the SCHC are accepting funds for renovations and are pocketing the money instead of maintaining disabled people's households.

The entire County of Simcoe knew this was happening but kept is quiet and lied when confronted about it. They are discriminating against disabled people, but especially people with the Special Priority Status, which I have, and won't do maintenance on their units because they don't think these people deserve to have their household maintained since they're not paying for it themselves. They then blocked my charity from receiving funds administered by the County because they don't think their hungriest, poorest tenants deserve to eat. They also don't fix wash machines or dryers because people can't afford to do their laundry anyways. The elevators are constantly breaking down, and I have a picture posted on Facebook of myself being trapped in the elevator in my building, which is a regular occurrence here.

Department or Service Involved
Mayors Office

Staff Person(s) Involved (if known)
Alex Nuttall, Nikki Cole (BarrieToday.com) and Mary-Anne Denny-Lusk, CEO of the BMNPHC.

Location of Problem
Barrie

How would you like to see your complaint resolved?
I would like a financial breakdown from the BMNPHC and the SCHC for how they determined my rent rates for each year of my tenancy (2008 to present).

Consent
I consent to provide my personal information in this service request to the Councillor of the ward to which the service request relates for the purpose of receiving communications relating to City business or activities within that ward.

Found in Fresh Food Weekly Mailbox



Service.Barrie@barrie.ca

August 6, 2024 at 3:31 PM

Re: Webform submission from: Complaint Submission

To: Leah Dyck

Good Afternoon Leah

Thank you for contacting Service Barrie to share your concerns and frustrations.

Please contact the each of the private organizations directly for financial accounting records. I understand that you have contacted each organization and I believe you have the contact details for them but in the event you do not, The Barrie non profit Housing head office can be contacted at # 705-727-0414 and the Simcoe County Housing contact number is # 705-735-6901

If you need anything else, now or in the future, please feel free to contact us again.

Kind Regards,

Cindy

We've made it easier to report and track your service inquiries! [Visit Service Barrie online](#) to report a pothole or other concerns, receive real-time updates, be notified when a service issue has been resolved, manage payment plans and more.

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We're here to help
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This is a completely unacceptable response. People employed by the City need to care if government-funded corporations are stealing from anyone because stealing is illegal. The City can't be allowed to be informed of their own partners stealing and do nothing about it. They must have a protocol and process for dealing with institutional, systemic fraud, abuse and discrimination. They can't be allowed to think doing nothing is a suitable option, let alone an option at all.

**Leah Dyck**

Re: Webform submission from: Complaint Submission

To: <Service.Barrie@barrie.ca> <Service.Barrie@barrie.ca>

August 6, 2024 at 4:03 PM

Really? They're stealing from me and thousands of others and your response is that I need to work it out with them?

No, I'm not going to waste my time trying to work it out with them anymore!

[See More from Service.Barrie@barrie.ca](#)

No one responded to me again, just like the BMNPHC. It appears that The City of Barrie and the BMNPHC and the SCHC have the exact same processes for handling complaints: ignore the problem being complained about and pretend the problems isn't happening. Responding by ignoring the text of the complaint submitted and advising the complainer to work out the theft with the thieves is the same thing as not responding at all.

In fact, by ignoring complaints of theft, abuse and discrimination, The City has single-handedly allowed the BMNPHC and the SCHC to get away with mass-scale fraud.

The City of Barrie was informed of the BMNPHC and SCHC's theft on June 18, 2024 and have actively tried to cover-up the truth about the fraud by not only participating in a BarrieToday.com interview regarding the BMNPHC/SCHC but they allowed a series of posts to be published about the BMNPHC and the SCHC, fully knowing the series was false, incorrect and the opposite of truth. Articles like the ones the City had published assist in covering the true character qualities held by the BMNPHC and SCHC, which are a total disregard for the lives of low-income human beings.

The fact that The City of Barrie (and Simcoe County) can be so indifferent to fraud, abuse and discrimination against vulnerable and disadvantaged people this easily is further proof that this population group in Simcoe County needs protection from the very people who're supposed to be keeping them safe.

**Nikki Cole**

Inquiry from BarrieToday RE: Housing series

To: Leah Dyck

April 17, 2024 at 4:11 PM

**Siri Found a Contact**Nikki Cole
nikki@barrietoday.com

Add



Hi Leah,

Hope you're doing well.

I am reaching out in the hopes you might be able to help.

We are embarking on a Housing series, and one of the ones I have been assigned is to speak to someone currently living in social housing within Barrie and get some insight into the challenges of obtaining the housing to begin with, is it hard to get out of social housing, pride of ownership, etc.

I recall from one of our conversations that you mentioned you live/lived in one of the complexes in the city? I was also thinking based on your work with your charity, you may even know a few folks who would be willing to share their own stories on the record?

Any insight/assistance with this would be greatly appreciated.

Nikki

Nikki Cole

Reporter | [BarrieToday](#)
705-242-3093 ext. 1215

This is the email I forwarded to Nikki Cole at BarrieToday.com

Happy Easter Armine,

I hope you're having a wonderful long weekend.

This email is going to seem like it's coming out of no where, and I know you're very busy for the next little while, so please don't feel obligated to get back to me about this anytime soon. I just went for a nice walk with my family and all of our dogs, and had a wonderful and huge turkey dinner :)... And then I came home lol....

But do you remember way back when we first met, I told you about my issues with Barrie Public Housing? I know it was a while ago, so I'll try to briefly go over it. But I wanted to see if you might be able to see if you, or another journalist at The Toronto Star, who might be assigned to do this kind of reporting, would be interested in doing some sort of coverage on getting "someone" to investigate The Barrie Municipal Non-Profit Housing Corporation (BMNPHC) and The Simcoe County Housing Corporation (SCHC), specifically, with an audit?

This is what needs to be investigated:

Back when Covid happened, we eventually got to a point where almost everything closed down and people had to work from home. When this happened, the ODSP office closed and staff went home. This meant that automatically, everyone on ODSP and CPP Disability started receiving the maximum possible amount. Normally, I receive \$850/month, but when this happened, I started receiving \$1300/month. This is the maximum amount you can get on ODSP. When everyone went back to work, all ODSP recipients were given their "over payment amount". So for me, I owed ODSP \$450/month for like six months or something like that. This happened to everyone, so we weren't treated badly for it. This part isn't the problem.

Barrie housing charged us all rent based on the \$1300 amount and when everyone was told they had a huge overpayment owing, and every month going forward, ODSP would take a little bit more off our monthly checks, and that's how we knew we were paying back the extra money we were given. Since our rent amount is based on our income amount, we were being charged on the \$1300/month rate and not the \$850/month rate. I emailed my building manager and asked about this. I was ignored. So I ended up emailing two other managers about this and they also ignored me. So I emailed a fourth manager and she responded but kept giving me the runaround. This took place over a period of nine months.

Then on the ninth month, my car broke down and I lost it on the fourth manager and emailed her and threatened to tell everything I just told you, to CBC The National (since I had media coverage by that point, THANK GOD). The next day I received an email from BMNPHC's CEO, Mary-Anne Denny-Lusk. I recorded this conversation but thought I accidentally deleted it up until I interviewed Dr. Orava, because I recorded that too, and that's when I found Mary-Anne's recording saved in my files.

In this recording, she admits that they "overcharged" me \$2700. (So, even though I owed ODSP a lot of money - which was being paid back slowly, each month, Barrie Housing owed me \$2700).

I know they've "overcharged" thousands of other people as well, and this is why they need to be investigated. I have asked other tenants on ODSP if they got any money back, or were even informed of this "overpayment" and not one single person was even told about this.

In this recording, I told Mary-Anne about one her staff, Ashley, stealing \$175 from me (from several years prior). Her response was "Awweeee". Last month, in February, they promoted Ashley to be the manager of my building.

This may sound immature of me but now I have to see this sign every single day:



339 Huronia Rd.,
Barrie, ON
L4N 8Z1

705-727-1101
www.barriehousing.com

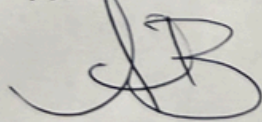
February 21, 2024

Dear Tenant(s)

Ashley will be posting her office hours shortly at the site office. Should you require assistance with tenancy-related matters please contact her.

Thank you for your attention to the above.

Yours sincerely



Adele Baxter
Tenant Service Manager

Tenant Services Department – 549 Yonge Street (office), Barrie ON L4N 7P8

And I can't take it anymore.

I'm attaching the half-hour conversation I had with Mary-Anne Denny-Lusk, the CEO of BMNPHC. In it, I'm crying a lot. I haven't listened to it at all and it was recorded on Apr. 26, 2022. I can't listen to it because it's too hard for me to hear it again. So I don't remember very much of it, but I do remember telling her about Ashley.

They promote thieves.

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They promote thieves.

I'm also going to attach a screenshot of the email I sent to the fourth manager, where I "lost it". And I'll also attach the screenshot, which is dated, of Mary-Anne responding. To me, this shows that she REALLY doesn't want the media to get involved.

Furthermore, I'm going to attach the correspondence I had with their lawyer who threatened to sue me for defamation. I know I've already given these items to you in the past, but for easy access, I thought I would just attach them for you here.

Finally, Rob Cikoja is the CEO of Habitat for Humanity here in Barrie. He was on my Advisory Committee (he's a good guy) and he told me that he knows for a fact that the reason the County of Simcoe won't support Fresh Food Weekly, ever, is because of all of this history I've had with Barrie Public Housing.

I know you're really busy right now, and I also know that this isn't really your kind of reporting (I don't think, right?), so I was going to see if maybe you knew a reporter at The Star who might be interested in looking into this and maybe help expose the public housing providers in this wretched city? :) Perhaps someone you trust, just because that recording of myself is so embarrassing. I can't even explain how humiliating all of this is.

Please don't feel like you need to respond anytime soon. You're probably in the middle of a Turkey Dinner! Also, feel free to not listen to the audio recording if you don't want to. It's awful. But you have my permission to send it to someone else to listen to if you want.

Thank you Armine,

Leah

Audio Recording of Mary-Anne Denny-Lusk and Leah Dyck on Apr. 26, 2022:



Email to Soula (fourth manager):

Leah

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Email to Soula (fourth manager):



Leah Dyck

Re: Credit

To: Soula White, maryanne@barriehousing.com

April 25, 2022 at 9:22 PM



Hey Soula,

My car broke down yesterday. The mechanic is looking at it tomorrow morning. If you think I'm lying, I can easily prove it with pictures and an invoice when I get it tomorrow.

I've never lied to you or anyone at BMNPHC, ever... I don't lie. Even though your first thought is that I'm a liar.

Well I'm not.

I wanted to see if you found out yet if I'm allowed to get my money back? If it doesn't happen till end of May, that's okay, I just want to know if I'll be able to fix my car.

I obviously can't afford to fix my car but with this money I could put it back on the road, and my stress level will be significantly decreased, and I'll continue to pay back ODSP - since you couldn't care less that I'm starving and only care if ODSP gets their money back immediately. They will get it back slowly every month. My caseworker Ryan Broadworth, who is also the Director of ODSP, is 100% good with this plan so shouldn't his decision be the only one that matters if what I'm asking for doesn't matter? Or are you guys obsessed with making me starve and live in actual prison? Ryan isn't obsessed with me starving. He's an actual human being.

Also, will you guys be letting everyone else know that they have also been overcharged? Or are you going to pretend like that didn't happen either and keep letting them make payments on their overpayment to ODSP each month? Do you not realize we're all starving? I intend to tell everyone in this building and all your other buildings who are on ODSP about this because none of you people can be trusted about anything. So this is a heads up of my intentions if BMNPHC continues to refuse to do the right thing and not give back all the money you know is theirs. I might even see if CBC radio would be interested in hearing about this massive theft as well. I can gather proof and evidence from everyone I can think of - their pay statements will all be available online in MyBenefits and there will be no notices of readjustments from you guys in their own personal files. Maybe even CTV news would be interested in this as well. I'm sure you've seen my previous interview on CBC and CTV that's posted on the home page of my website: www.FreshFoodWeekly.com ? Feel free to see if I'm lying about that too. It's only going to infuriate me more if other starving people reach out to you and ask about their overpayment and they're ignored like I was for months.

I would also prefer correspondence to be done over email if possible so no one can pull an Ashley on me ever again.

As far as I know you could be lying just like Ashley did and you'll send me an eviction notice in May with a \$175 eviction fee in addition to my regular rent, just like she did. And then when I call you and ask you about it, you'll ignore all my calls and never call me back, just like Ashley did... you'll just keep sending eviction letters instead of admitting you made a mistake and then make me literally pay for it, just like Ashley did.

If you must speak to me on the phone about this, I'll have to start recording calls with TapeACall and that costs money which you all know I don't have (less than \$20/month). But I will spend the few dollars I do have so you can't steal another \$175 from me for Karen's mistake and Adele's coverup (I specifically asked Adele about this and she pretended that I didn't ask when she re-calculated my rent, but I have it in my emails that I did ask her about this).

I'm furious.

In the meantime, I don't have a car. And I'm still starving. Not that you care.

If you're wondering why I'm so furious, it's because you're all thieving witches. And I'm STARVING! That's the biggest problem here. It's bad enough that you guys have stolen thousands, but you stole from a single mom and child who can't fucking eat! And if you didn't steal from me personally, you sit there and watch your co-workers do it OVER AND OVER again!!

How does this not bother you? You do seem like a pretty nice person, but how do you think this is okay? By doing nothing, you are just as guilty as the ones who keep stealing.

Do you realize I've dedicated my life to righting the wrongs of BMNPHC? Obviously I'm not in much of a position to do much right now - Of course I can try to expose your organization for what it's done, and just pray that someone else cares as much as I do about bullies taking advantage of their power and preying on the vulnerable. I will never forget the suffering your organization has caused me, my neighbours and everyone who lives here. It's literally traumatized me. Like, do I sound like I'm okay? No, I sound like someone who can't tolerate abuse for another second!

I can also assure you that I am motivated in ways you can't even gauge. And I am more persistent than anyone you've ever met.

Response from Mary-Anne:

Found in BMNPHC Mailbox



Mary Anne

RE: Credit

To: Leah Dyck

April 26, 2022 at 9:12 AM



Hi Leah,

Do you have time to talk to me this afternoon?

Thanks,

Mary Anne Denny-Lusk, Hons. BAcc., CPA, CA, CIHCM
(She/Her)



[See More from Leah Dyck](#)



Leah Dyck

April 26, 2022 at 9:24 AM

Re: Credit

To: Mary Anne

Yes,

Thanks for giving me the heads up so I can download TapeACall.

I have a call at 11am with the City of Barrie about Fresh Food Weekly. It could be a lengthy call. It's probably safe to call anytime after 12 noon though.

Sent from my iPhone

[See More from Mary Anne](#)

Lawyer correspondence:



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Riley Brooks
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L-2022-10-17
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Leah Dyck

October 17, 2022 at 2:18 PM

Re: Defamatory Posts re Barrie Municipal Non-Profit Housing Corporation - letter from lawyer Riley Brooks

To: Marcey Kingdon, rbrooks@hgrgp.ca

Hey Riley,

Yes, I can come in to discuss removal of some things in the posts or potentially the posts altogether.

If it's easier, Mary-Anne or someone on her behalf, could send over a list of the "unequivocally false" claims.

My evidence is mostly the word of these tenants, for the most part. In regards to the trafficked girl, I personally saw the emails of her request to be transferred and barrie housing denied her request to move her for safety reasons. I keep hearing the same things over and over again from a number of different tenants. These people are not "banning together" to come up with false claims. They're simply telling me what happened to them... when I posted about the building getting burned down, numerous tenants I don't even feed, reached out to say that what I posted was true, and they too got just under \$2000 in a furniture credit. A lot of people involved in the fundraising now want to know what happened with all the money that was raised.

One of the barrie housing staff, Ashley, stole \$175 from me personally. So yes, BMNPHC steals. I will absolutely not remove any remarks referring to them as thieves because they are thieves. Because of Ashley. The fact that this even happened is infuriating. But what can I do about it? I told so many managers and none of them cared. Ashley still gets to keep working, and still gets to keep making costly mistakes and your client's piss poor tenants still have to pay for her mistakes. When you're poor, people assume you're a liar. It sounds like that's exactly what you've assumed of me, Riley. I've learned that when you work for BMNPHC, you treat tenants worse than animals.

So please, have your client prepare a list of all the "false claims" and if any of them turn out on to be false, I'll remove the post, and apologize. I would actually feel really awful if I was spreading lies.

After writing all this, it's probably better for me to come in. I'll probably be educating Mary-Anne on how horrible some of her staff really are.... Again.

I guess there's a chance that some stories might be about Simcoe County housing tenants. If this is the case, which I'm pretty sure it's not, but if it is, I can change the wording from barrie housing to Simcoe County housing no problem. I can easily review the addresses of each tenant who told their story.

Leah



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Armine Yalnizyan

March 31, 2024 at 10:14 PM

Re: Barrie Public Housing Matter

To: Leah Dyck

Even though Armine has now ghosted me too, in my opinion, she did the responsible thing and directed me to multiple other news reporters who could have looked into the claims if they cared enough.

Leah I am so glad you had a good day and a great meal.

Easter is the season of rebirth and I hope this marks a new beginning for you.

I have scanned your email, but not opened up your messages.

I am so sorry you are going through all this.

I cannot do anything this week, as I am travelling and in meetings across Canada.

Then the following week I am preparing for the federal budget, which is an annual requirement for my job.

I don't think I can do anything of consequence for you right now, and I am sorry for that.

I think maybe it best that you contact the Star, the person who has the housing beat is Diana Zlomislic.

You could also go through the paper and see who else writes about housing in the GTA. Make sure the person who wrote the article didn't write it as an opinion piece of "special to the Star".

If you go to the CBC try Mike Crawley or Clara Pasioka

Good luck. I'm sorry our timing didn't work out.

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Leah Dyck

April 1, 2024 at 10:19 AM

Re: Barrie Public Housing Matter

To: Armine Yalnizyan

I emailed Diane, Mike and Clara, as well as +200 other national news reporters who've reported on public housing, poverty, or food insecurity at least once in the last six months. But no one wants to get involved with this matter, apparently.

Good morning Armine,

It's great to hear from you!

I totally understand you're very busy right now, and appreciate you taking the time to get back to me so late last night.

Thank you very much for your suggestions. And it's totally okay if you never end up listening to that recording... it's just pathetic (but does prove I'm not lying). I'll reach out to the people you've suggested today! Thank you very much for providing names.

Simon just got back to me about 10 minutes ago with the draft proposal, for me to review. I think it's great! It looks like we're going to start sending it out today, with the first group being The Healthy Barrie Initiative! I'm so excited!!

I hope you have a wonderful time traveling across Canada this week, to make the world a better place! :).

Leah

[See More from Armine Yalnizyan](#)

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Leah Dyck

April 17, 2024 at 4:40 PM

Fwd: Barrie Public Housing Matter

To: Nikki Cole

Hi Nikki,

I just saw your email.

I'm forwarding you an email I sent to Armine Yalnizyan recently. She was busy advising parliament on how to run the country last week, lol, and she said:

"I think maybe it best that you contact the Star, the person who has the housing beat is Diana Zlomislic.

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Then, when I was about to send it, I was listening to a Joyce Meyers message on YouTube, and right when I was typing in the subject line, she said "If you want God to answer your prayers, don't hold anything against anyone."

So I deleted the email because I desperately want my prayers answered.

Now that you've reached out and specifically asked, I'll forward you the email I sent Armine. If you would like to do something with it, that's up to you, and if not, that's okay to. I'm actively trying to forgive others who don't deserve any forgiveness at all lol.

I'm desperately trying lol.

If the attachments don't open, let me know and I'll send them a different way.

Thanks Nikki,

Leah

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Nikki Cole

Inquiry from BarrieToday RE: Housing series

To: Leah Dyck

April 17, 2024 at 4:11 PM



Siri Found a Contact

Nikki Cole
nikki@barrietoday.com

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Hi Leah,

Hope you're doing well.

I am reaching out in the hopes you might be able to help.

We are embarking on a Housing series, and one of the ones I have been assigned is to speak to someone currently living in social housing within Barrie and get some insight into the challenges of obtaining the housing to begin with, is it hard to get out of social housing, pride of ownership, etc.

I recall from one of our conversations that you mentioned you live/lived in one of the complexes in the city? I was also thinking based on your work with your charity, you may even know a few folks who would be willing to share their own stories on the record?

Any insight/assistance with this would be greatly appreciated.

Nikki

Nikki Cole

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Leah Dyck

Re: Inquiry from BarrieToday RE: Housing series

To: Nikki Cole

April 21, 2024 at 7:43 AM



Good morning Nikki,

I hope you're doing well.

I just wanted to make sure you got my email I sent last week about Barrie public housing?

Leah

Sent from my iPhone

[See More from Nikki Cole](#)

Since Nikki didn't respond, I thought there was a chance she honestly didn't receive the email I sent her (maybe the files were too big, I wondered).

But after emailing her a second time four days later, she still didn't respond and so I knew she wasn't interested in the information I provided her with.

However, when I learned that this was happening in New York City on June 18th, 2024 by reading the linked online article, I realized this was a deliberate crime happening to thousands of RGI tenants, including RGI tenants with Special Priority Status in Canada and the States.

When reporters don't investigate allegations of fraud, especially after being provided with so much evidence, it needs to become a crime. By reporting the opposite of the truth, the reporter is actively aiding and embedding white collar criminals.