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Assistance with Minister Paul Calandra?

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To Brad Vis,

My name is Leah Dyck and I'm a resident of Barrie, Ontario. I'm reaching out to you today because I'm seeking your assistance for a matter relating to the County of Simcoe of the Province of Ontario.

On February 6, 2024, I presented a Food Systems Planning Office proposal to the Mayor of Barrie Alex Nuttall. This proposal included a request for the establishment of a Food Systems Planning Office, similar to [New York City's Office of Urban Agriculture](#), and it also informed the City of Barrie that the County of Simcoe has excluded its most vulnerable residents from participating in public-policy-making processes. Despite this, the City of Barrie and the County of Simcoe continue to ignore the pleas of its starving residents. Over the last decade, the County of Simcoe has turned into a homelessness and sex-trafficking hot-spot (you can Google this. There's many articles published from reputable news outlets about it).

Will you assist the most vulnerable residents of the County of Simcoe by proposing to the Minister of Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Paul Calandra, a regulation prescribing the establishment of a local service board, which would be called a 'Food Systems Planning Office'?

The Municipal Act, 2001, establishes the authority of a municipality to create a Municipal Service Board (sections 194 - 202), or a Municipal Services Corporation (section 203) for the purpose of undertaking activities or services authorized by the municipality.

198 (1) A municipality may give a municipal service board the control and management of such services and activities of the municipality as the municipality considers appropriate and shall do so by delegating the powers and duties of the municipality to the board in accordance with this Act. 2006, c. 32, Sched. A, s. 87.

271 The Minister may make regulations prescribing actions that municipalities must take which, in the opinion of the Minister, are necessary or desirable to support the integration of planning for municipal service delivery with planning for service delivery by other public bodies or by other persons. 2017, c. 10, Sched. 1, s. 33.

The Service Manager for the County of Simcoe is Mina Fayez-Baghat and he has no interest whatsoever in doing his mandated duties. I'm currently in litigation with my Housing Provider, Barrie Housing, who's engaged in a mass-scale fraud scheme (and yes, I have evidence posted on my website: www.FreshFoodWeekly.com). I recently found out that the Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP) has been paying my rent directly to Barrie Housing, on-and-off, since 2015, and without telling me. Barrie Housing didn't bother to tell me either—not until I threatened to tell national news outlets that they refused to tell me how much my rent rate was after I got laid off during the pandemic.

As a result, I was also paying my rent directly to Barrie Housing. Barrie Housing has around 3,000 tenants and I'm not the only tenant who receives a disability benefit. This has resulted in an overpayment of around \$5,000.00 over seven years, but Barrie Housing says the overpayment was only in the amount of around \$2,600.00. Despite me having the evidence of a \$5,000.00 overpayment (posted on my website), Mina Fayez-Baghat says he's not responsible for the performance of delegated service managers, even though the Housing Services Act, 2011, c. 6, Sched. 1, s. 17 (5) states that a service manager remains responsible for the exercise or performance of any delegated powers or duties.

The County of Simcoe's most vulnerable residents are starving and the little money we do have is being dipped into by our housing services provider and no one in a position to help us cares enough to even look into this, let alone put a stop to it. **Let me repeat that; no one is even looking into this.**

Thank you for your time and consideration in my request to ask Minister Paul Calandra to prescribe a regulation to establish a new service board in the County of Simcoe, which would be a Food Systems Planning Office mandated to cultivate our Foodshed for the purpose of feeding +30,000 starving residents that no one in a position of authority here seems to cares about whatsoever.

Sincerely,

Leah Dyck

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