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Hey Nikki! Yes, absolutely. Thanks a million! Leah

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Barrie Public Housing Matter

March 31, 2024 at 6:57 PM

Happy Easter

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 me, 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).

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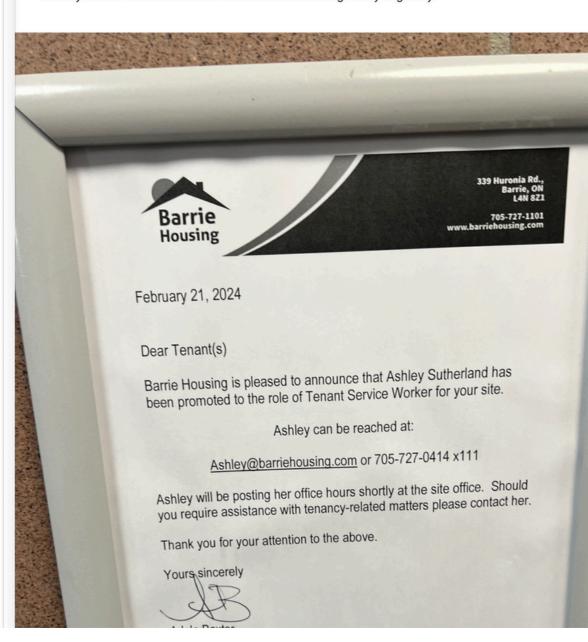
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I know they've "overcharged" thousands of other people as well, and this is why they need to be investigated. I have asked other tenants on ODSP if they got any money back, or were even informed of this "overpayment" and not one single person was even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



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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.

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.



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

Leah