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Subject: RE: Request for investigation into the actions of Ms. Carina Paoletti
Date: March 24, 2025 1:37:00 PM
Attachments: [25-03-14-integrity-commissioner-receipt-relayed-re-pending-trial-of-charges-intended-to-oppress-media-in-barrie.pdf](#)
[Big Blue Box Studios has 57 new views.jpg](#)
[Big Blue Box Studios has 39 new views.JPG](#)

Good morning Ms. Banting and thank you for your reply.

As you responded to the two issues separately, I will reply accordingly.

1. Thank you for acknowledging that the eavestrough 'complaint' was in fact manufactured by your office, as I have publicly stated was my belief.

"On March 11th, Property Standards Officer Paoletti received a complaint file for broken eaves on the property. Officer Paoletti attended on March 12th to conduct an inspection of the exterior property. When on site she found the eaves broken as well as a white van that appeared to not be operational based on her observations of the vehicle and surroundings."

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You have acknowledged now that no neighbour complained, as is inferred in the original letter from 'Officer' Paoletti, and you have now confirmed to the satisfaction of most analytical people, such as a Justice of the High Court, that she lacks the qualifications or skillset to make assumptions about the functionality of my van based on nothing but a visual observation of a battery charger being used. I submit that those allegations are nothing but components of a witch-hunt, mostly likely requested by Mayor Alex Nuttall and/or Council as a means of warning me off from filing the now public ethics complaint, which based on recent correspondents, I believe will be advanced to the Integrity Commissioner of Ontario, or the Superior Court of Justice. I am very happy to present those facts through litigation in the High Court when seeking an injunction against, and punitive financial compensation for harm resulting from, this ongoing campaign of harassment being undertaken by the City of Barrie. If you think I am bluffing, please take a minute to review my history of establishing my rights as a journalist, through litigation and public exposure, including against the Barrie Police Service and various multi-million dollar corporations: <https://www.fivepointsmedia.ca/housing-slumlord-threatens-to-sue-defamation-obvious-slapp-action-2022.html>

2. Through the use of easily retractable ambiguous language, likely written as guided by City of Barrie legal counsel, you noted "it would appear that the eaves were broken or

damaged on March 10th.” The reason you wrote it that way is because the claim is inaccurate and deliberately misleading. Simply put, you want to be able to retract the ‘facts’ of your claim by falling back on “it appears”. You will note that my version of events is not so easily retracted, as is always the case of the party who is relying on the truth and evidence. At the time of the act of nature that damaged the eavestrough, there were no less than three witnesses, standing less than twenty feet away, and pointed in the direction of the incident. I was also there, trying to figure out how to prevent the ice from falling, which obviously was not successful. They are all tenants of our independent Big Blue Box transitional housing and recovery project, which we know is not supported by Council, as our multiple successes show how compassionate citizens can and have made a positive and life-changing difference in the lives of the people who our municipal politicians are willing to allow to die in the streets from exposure to our brutal winter. Those would be the human beings who have been completely ignored by Mayor Alex Nuttall and Council, who abused their authority to unlawfully evict an encampment, apparently very close the house Mayor Alex Nuttall was trying to sell, without offering true alternative housing options as is required by Section 7 of the Charter of Rights and Freedoms, "right to life, liberty, and security of the person", and which was clarified and galvanized in the January 27, 2023 ruling of Justice Michael J Valente, Superior Court of Justice - Court File No.: CV-22-717 that can be downloaded from <https://fivepointsmedia.ca/pdf/2023onsc670%20-%20Waterloo.pdf>. They were all witnesses to the ice dam sliding off my roof, which is what damaged the eavestrough. Understandably, none of those people hold a lot of love for our current City’s administrators, and they will happily support with sworn testimony that the incident in truth happened on Wednesday, March 12, 2025, in the middle of the afternoon. Unless your all-too-self-important glorified meter maids have a DeLorean with a flux capacitor, their claims are inaccurate and can be proven to be so. I am currently attempting to recover video of the event from my outdoor video surveillance system, which is date and time stamped.

3. You say you were away for a week, which explains why you did not respond sooner, and I cannot contest that. However, it is interesting to note that Suzanne Craig, the Integrity Commissioner for the City of Barrie, also took the exact same amount of time responding to me. In her reply, which arrived a week later and only after I sent a follow up email, Ms. Craig reports she did not receive my initial correspondence. Recently, I publicly contested that claim and provided our taxpayers and voters with a copy of a receipt of delivery, which I have also attached. That receipt, generated by the server for the City of Barrie, is time stamped just a few seconds after I sent the email that Ms. Craig reports she did not receive. The Integrity Commissioner also acknowledged in her follow up email that she learned about my call for an

investigation from a Councillor on the day I had sent the email. Regardless, for reasons unknown, Ms. Craig chose to take no action of any kind to attain a copy of my email from that Councillor, who had been carbon copied, nor did she request I send it again. This virtually identical timeline is extremely convenient for the City of Barrie and Mayor and Council, who in my assessment most likely took the week to get everybody's stories in line. Regardless, the volume of 'facts', from the limited sources so far, have more holes than a well aged block of Swiss cheese. A copy of that article can be found at the link below:

<https://www.facebook.com/FivePointsMedia/posts/pfbid02S5fYaWnYExdejWJFeGu6JCFkr2GbHnR8341cCAsoRVnEnwmabAsGofYCNi3bT9Ztl>

4. This entire pattern of what I am willing to show a court of law is harassment relies entirely on the claim that a mystery person filed a complaint about my dogs, which I have asked to see, but you chose to ignore. I will cover that in depth in response to your other email. Due to other obligations, I will likely not get to it until tomorrow. The current option of refusing to reveal the source of that phantom complaint will no longer be your choice when I take this claim of harassment to the Superior Court of Justice. You will be required to show which of my neighbours, who for more than 14 years have never had issue with my dogs, suddenly filed a complaint about them. It is far from uncommon for my neighbours to come to my house to see my dogs, and they are the people I often count on to let them out and/or feed them if I am required to work out of town. Why don't you just do us all a favour, and save taxpayer funds, by admitting that the 'dog complaint' is as manufactured by your office as you have admitted is the case regarding the 'complaint' your office generated to harass me about the eavestrough and the charging of the battery for my van?
5. Attached are two screenshots from the Big Blue Box Facebook page, located at <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100092160618403>. This page contains nothing but short stories about the success of our transitional tenants and pictures of my dogs. It is not an overly popular page, and it is not intended to be so. Currently it carries only 47 likes and 68 followers. The picture entitled "Big Blue Box Studios has 57 new views" is from a Facebook post dated March 21, 2025, and the "Big Blue Box Studios has 39 new views" was screen grabbed yesterday. I think it is fair to show any impartial professional scrutineer of evidence that such a flurry of sudden interest in the content of that page, which has never happened before, is the real source of the phantom 'complaint' you claim was made by a neighbour. I will be happy to argue that the complaint is fraudulent, and that the motivation for this manufactured malice is harassment intended to stop me from proceeding with my complaint of ethical violations committed by Mayor Alex Nuttal through his direction to officers of your office and the Barrie Police Service to violate the rights of a specific protected homeless community, that in truth served to improve the lifestyle of his family, while also enabling him to profit more from the sale of his house that is reported to be as

close as a block from Berczy Park.

6. I will not comply with your demand that I show Property Standards 'Officer' Paoletti that my van is functional. It is up to you to prove your allegations, which are at best unsubstantiated and biased. It is not my obligation to jump through your hoops to disprove claims made by a person who is not a mechanic, and who is making demands based solely on visual observations. From what I have learned through research of 'Officer' Paoletti, she grooms dogs when not taking action in support of an ethically questionable mayor, which hardly qualifies her to assess the status of any vehicle through visual observation. What will be your next step in this ongoing saga of harassment? Will you claim, based on outside observations, that my house is not safe and that you need to get inside so you can find every possible issue, based solely on visual observations by people who are not qualified to judge on the subject, so you can demand that I must pay to repair whatever you don't like the looks of through the services of a qualified, and expensive, professional? That kind of abuse of authority may work with some people, but not here. Again, I recommend you review the page at:

<https://www.fivepointsmedia.ca/housing-slumlord-threatens-to-sue-defamation-obvious-slapp-action-2022.html>

7. You state that you don't want this matter to be public, which in my opinion is the position of somebody with much to hide. I am not so intimidated by public scrutiny as I know I am telling the truth, and I have the evidence to back it up. As such, I will continue to post all correspondence back and forth until such time that I am denied that Charter guaranteed right by a ruling or injunction signed by a Justice of the High Court. This ongoing campaign of threats and feigned denial is intended to coerce silence, which is obvious to the growing number of Barrie voters and taxpayers who are now following us who weren't a week or so ago. In the past, people have been scared off by this kind of abusive action by our city officials, but now they are seeing that we can collectively stand up and demand that those, who are in truth at the lowest level of authority, must prove their claims using evidence, and that they can be exposed and embarrassed for abusing the authority that we, the taxpayers and voters, have given to them. I will also continue to cc my list of recipients to ensure there is no option to fall back on "plausible deniability".

In this matter, I believe the evidence shows that you, or a superior to you in City Hall, is abusing your authority to engage in a fraudulent use of assumed authority, and that you are doing so to protect a Mayor who has not contested that he abused the Charter rights of citizens of our nation who were protected by an order of the Superior Court by denying them any option for shelter. He also ordered the arrest of a mental health professional, who was trying to assist her registered clients, and a journalist who the day before had recorded city contractors accepting bribes from a local resident who wanted to thank them for participating in the transparent abuse of Charter rights and an order of the Superior Court of Justice. Worst of all, the purpose of the actions being taken now by your office seems to be

to shield Mayor Alex Nuttall from repercussions for having taken these actions specifically against the occupants of Bercy Park, specifically and against no other encampment, so he could profit from the sale of his home that was on a street that is only a block away. I will happily take any further abuse by your office to the Superior Court of Justice, the OPP, the RCMP, the Integrity Commissioner of Ontario, or to all of them as appears appropriate.

Regards,

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Good Morning,

My apology for the delay. I was not in the office earlier this week. I have removed the other parties from the email as enforcement matters are not public information. If you choose to express the information publicly that is your decision, but we would not express details publicly when speaking of enforcement matter.

On March 11th, Property Standards Officer Paoletti received a complaint file for broken eaves on the property. Officer Paoletti attended on March 12th to conduct an inspection of the exterior property. When on site she found the eaves broken as well as a white van that appeared to not be operational based on her observations of the vehicle and surroundings.

On March 13th, the Property Standards Order was processed for yourself as the property owner to address both the eaves and the vehicle within 60 days of issuance. The order itself is required and worded in a way that advises you of your obligations as the property owner as well as our requirement to advise you of you appeal options and or any potential activities that may be possible in the future.

If you wish to speak with Officer Paoletti to show the vehicle registration and that it is operational as well as the repair being completed on the eaves, please reach out to her so that we can confirm compliance.

For clarity, the complaint was generated on behalf of one of our Municipal Law Enforcement Officers who was attending your home on March 10th related to the dog matter which I will address under separate cover as they are two different matters. That Officer noted the broken eaves during his attendance on March 10th and forwarded that information to the office so a compliant file could be created under the Property Standards By-law. Based on that, it would appear that the eaves were broken or damaged on March 10th prior to Officer Paoletti receiving the complaint.

Again, if you wish to discuss the property standards items with Officer Paoletti, please feel free to reach out to her so that the matter can be cleared. She can be reached via email at carina.paoletti@barrie.ca or at 705-739-4241.

Sincerely,

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