

From: [Adam Golding](#)
To: [councilmeeting](#)
Subject: My comments for 2021.MM36.25 on October 1, 2021 City Council (Part 1)
Date: October 3, 2021 1:16:10 AM

To the City Clerk:

Please add my comments to the agenda for the October 1, 2021 City Council meeting on item 2021.MM36.25, Judicial Inquiry into Encampment Clearings - by Councillor Josh Matlow, seconded by Councillor Mike Layton

I understand that my comments and the personal information in this email will form part of the public record and that my name will be listed as a correspondent on agendas and minutes of City Council or its committees. Also, I understand that agendas and minutes are posted online and my name may be indexed by search engines like Google.

Comments:

The following email is highly relevant, especially the hyperlinks:

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Adam Golding** [REDACTED]
Date: Sat, 2 Oct 2021 at 20:36
Subject: Fwd: John, I am so infuriated.
To: <jim.ramer@torontopolice.on.ca>, <jim.hart@tpsb.ca>

Gentlemen, Miguel suggested I include you as well in this mass cc, I hope you find everything contained informative and accurate, cheers.

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From: **Adam Golding** [REDACTED]
Date: Fri, 1 Oct 2021 at 22:48
Subject: Re: John, I am so infuriated.
To: Mayor Tory <mayor_tory@toronto.ca>
Cc: <InfoDesk@ohchr.org>, <humanrights@toronto.ca>, <info@ohrc.on.ca>, <info.com@chrc-ccdp.gc.ca>, <encampmentsombudsman@toronto.ca>, <chomsky@mit.edu>, Councillor Layton <councillor_layton@toronto.ca>, Jessica <JBell-CO@ndp.on.ca>, <Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca>, Mayor Tory <mayor_tory@toronto.ca>, <councillor_carroll@toronto.ca>, <councillor_matlow@toronto.ca>, <councillor_cressy@toronto.ca>, <councillor_wongtam@toronto.ca>, <ssha.homeless@toronto.ca>, encampmenteoc <encampmenteoc@toronto.ca>, Nabeelah Jamal <Nabeelah.Jamal@toronto.ca>, cc: 311 <311@toronto.ca>, Mayor Tory <Mayor_Tory@toronto.ca>, Councillor Perks <Councillor_Perks@toronto.ca>, Public Health <publichealth@toronto.ca>, <david.hopkinson@torontopolice.on.ca>, <Stephanie.Nakitsas@toronto.ca>, [REDACTED], <justin.trudeau@parl.gc.ca>, <graphicmatt@gmail.com>, Ezra Levant <info@rebelnews.com>, <torontotips@cbc.ca>, <newstips@globaltv.com>, <letters@nowtoronto.com>, <city@thestar.ca>,

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p.p.s for the plethora of video evidence just watch the youtube playlist called #EvictJohnTory https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL_-Kd_WSmEAEX2DbvZPb3y2vSRygtJO-v

On Fri, 1 Oct 2021 at 22:29, Adam Golding [REDACTED] wrote:

John, I am so infuriated to hear you [speak so blithely about the 'inappropriateness' of the inquiry](#) into the [well-documented police violence](#) at encampment evictions, which are themselves violent by nature. This is not what taking responsibility for your mistakes looks like.

You say that raising public awareness achieves nothing while at the same time you are raising public awareness for your own position--so which is it? Your prose runs deep with this sort of hypocrisy, internal contradiction, and statements that can't even be false like statements that encampments "aren't safe"--**compared to what? No safer alternative will exist for many this winter. No city program will completely remove the need for outdoor shelter, and 'zero encampments' literally means 'zero tents' (I asked 311) which is part of why it both extremist and logically inconsistent with the unanimous 'human rights' approach to encampments--**and when our council contradicts itself, citizens have no option but to intervene, since anything follows from a contradiction, which effectively removes our democratic will from our city's actions--or do you have a different position on [paraconsistency in law](#)?

You say that media protest of police violence costs money and does not create housing--but the police violence that happened on your watch also costs money, indirectly kills and directly injures and traumatizes many, and also does not create housing--but protest against this waste of resources can divert those resource to housing and away from maiming the public. [I've explained how mass clearings on one day will predictably reduce safety.](#) **ENCAMPMENT CLEARINGS ARE "NOT SAFE", to use your language.** The *relative* absence of protestors at the Alexandra Park clearing was due to a greater degree of consent from those relocated, but where consent is complete, the amount of force required is zero and thus the involvement of Police is wholly inappropriate--**never send violent, armed police to a peaceful encampment again, send help.**

You complain that your social media critics do not attend public meetings--yet [you had no questions for me on monday at the police services board meeting](#), why not? What I proposed was complex, nuanced and your silence baffles me.

What other meetings should those concerned attend to have the most productive conversation possible, where all good ideas are addressed regardless of their origin?

In Anger,
Adam Golding

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p.s. The full text of this email is at <https://adamgolding.substack.com/p/john-i-am-so-infuriated>