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Subject: Independent Press Gallery condemns Peel Police arrest of Rebel News reporter David Menzies

Dear Premier, Mayors, Councillors, City and Regional Clerks, etc,

Be advised of the **Statement of Condemnation from the President of the Independent Press Gallery of Canada regarding the arrest of Rebel News reporter David Menzies by Peel Regional Police**, shown further below. This statement can also be found on the Gallery's website:

<https://independentpressgallery.ca/statement-from-the-president-of-the-independent-press-gallery/>

Also note that I have been cataloging some of Rebel News' investigative journalism regarding Mayor Brown, and unanswered questions regarding his so-called "mask by-law", for the public here:

<https://www.fluoridefreepeel.ca/unanswered-questions-re-bramptons-alleged-mask-bylaw/>.

I request that the email below be added to the next agendas for both Regional and Brampton Councils.

Best wishes,
Christine Massey

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From:

Date: Tue, Sep 8, 2020 at 10:30 PM

Subject: Statement from the President of the Independent Press Gallery

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Subject: Statement from the President of the Independent Press Gallery



The Independent Press Gallery of Canada (IPG) condemns the arrest of Rebel News reporter David Menzies by Peel Regional Police in the strongest possible terms.

On September 2, 2020, Menzies was questioned and detained by police while on a public sidewalk outside of the Brampton Earnscliffe Recreation Centre.

Menzies was simply there to report on Mayor Patrick Brown’s private hockey games and had not broken any laws with his presence.

By sending four police cruisers and numerous officers and security guards to detain Menzies, officials acted with disproportionate force.

Journalists in Canada should not have to fear being thrown into the back of a police cruiser simply for doing their jobs.

The freedom of the press is a foundation of Canada’s democratic society, and it must be protected at all costs.

As outlined in the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, all Canadians are guaranteed the fundamental freedom of “thought, belief, opinion and expression, including freedom of the press and other media of communication.”

As an organization devoted to protecting independent, non-governmental journalist organizations, the IPG stands against all attempts to threaten, intimidate, or detain members of the media.

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