
APPENDIX A

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The City with Mayor Rob Ford is an open-line talk show hosted by Toronto Mayor Rob Ford and his City Councillor brother Doug Ford. The Ford Brothers talk to guests and callers about Toronto politics and current events. The program airs Sundays from 1:00 to 3:00 pm. On May 6, 2012, Sun News journalist David Menzies was a guest on the program. The following is a complete transcript of the conversation with Menzies, which lasted just over the first hour of the program.

The Ford brothers began the show by discussing recent events they had attended and what they would be doing in the coming week.

Rob: We have, um, some special guests to day on our show. It's, uh, we have David Menzies. David Menzies has started his own show, um, with, uh, the *Toronto Sun*. And, um, he's gonna be a very, very, I've known David for a long time, worked together on a lot of, uh, issues and he, he is dead on the money. So, folks, you're gonna listen to a really, really sharp, articulate, um, guy. I'd call him a journalist, but I think he's more than that.

[talks about other guest coming up and other events going on; commercial break]

Rob: Beautiful day. Seventeen degrees out. Nice day for a jog, talking about jogging. In studio with us, uh, I consider him a friend of mine. We go back probably ten years at least. I've been in politics 12 now and I remember you since I was knee-high to a grasshopper. [Menzies chuckles] David Menzies. From the *Toronto Sun*. How are ya, David?

Menzies: Well, Mayor Ford, it's an honour to be here and, you know, you're right. We've gone back a few years and I remember, uh, the first, uh, major story I did on you, 2008, the *National Post*. It was feature of what you've done for, uh, the Don Bosco kids where you've put tens of thousands of dollars of your own money into a football program, which, by the way, certain councillors tend to mock. And certain councillors criticize you for being away. And I'll tell you, when I spoke to some of the mothers there. You know, at the game I went to see. And we're talking, a lot of them were, you know, black, single mothers, disadvantaged, who said to me over and over again, as you know, "if this program didn't exist, my son would either be in jail or dead". And that is the kind of results, ladies and gentlemen, that Rob Ford is doing on his own coin in his own time. But before we get into things, Rob, I just want to apologize to you. I want to apologize for my profession. I want to *apologize* for those journalists that are acting in a despicable manner to you. I want to apologize for the people at the *Toronto Star* and *NOW Magazine*. And I want to apologize to everyone because, you know, the, the left-wing media especially, and rightfully so, has said for decades "we shouldn't judge a people by their race. By their religion. By their skin colour." All valid. And here we have, you know, Rob, it's no secret. You have weight issues. And the amount of vitriol, mocking, you know, to the point where *NOW Magazine* routinely Photoshops your face onto a naked man's torso that isn't your body. I have never seen the left-wing media in Toronto and Canada disgrace themselves like they have now. And for that, I sincerely apologize. And please, please, Rob, don't judge all the media –

Rob: No, no, no! That's okay.

Menzies: – by those people.

Rob: I get along with the media great. We don't always agree, but you know what? Yes, the *Toronto Star*, it was truly incredible what happened on Wednesday night.

Doug: You know something, David? I just want to [?] on one thing. You know, about, about Rob giving back or caring about some of these kids. And, uh, I just want to tell the folks out there. Rob and I don't prep before we go on this radio station.

Rob: Sure.

Doug: We don't. I'm just being honest, as the, as the folks here can tell ya. But, you know, twice I've seen this happen. That I come into Rob's office. I've been sitting there and, and on two separate occasions, a football player comes in from the black community and, and sat there. And this one kid came in. He was very emotional. Broke down crying. You know, this kid was 300 pounds, 6 foot 4. And Rob getting up, putting his arms around him as he's crying on his shoulder and said "Son, don't worry. We're going to take care of things" and "I'll talk to your mother". I'm not getting into the issue.

Menzies: Yep.

Doug: But people don't see that. I've seen that twice so far and you don't see the thousands of other times he, he helps these kids in, in these communities. He has a heart on him like, uh, I've never seen.

Menzies: And, Doug, I, absolutely. And I know for a fact that, forget about somebody coming in during business hours and, and talking to your brother. I know for a fact that Rob's had calls at four in the morning with some of these kids.

Doug: Yeah.

Menzies: You know, these youth at risk. And he's put them on the right path.

Doug: Mm hm.

Menzies: And, you know, in, I don't understand, whenever, during Mayor Miller, when we had those countless summers of the guns and, of course, all he would blame it on was US firearms and a lack of basketball courts.

Doug: Mm hm.

Menzies: Talk, talk, talk. This gentleman puts his money where his mouth is, invests countless hours of time to bring about tangible results, including a player, I believe, Rob, sorry, I've forgotten his name, that actually, through your program, got a US scholarship.

Rob: Oh, more than one.

Menzies: Yes.

Rob: Oh, I've got a few down there. I got, uh, Jerome, he's playing for the Winnipeg Blue Bombers as we speak, so. No, I appreciate that, guys. We have to take a quick break. I'm very, very humbled by this, but let's, uh, move on and, uh, I could give you guys all the same

compliments, but thank you so much. You're listening to *The City* on in-depth radio NewsTalk 1010 with David Menzies, myself Rob Ford and Councillor Doug Ford. Take a quick break.

[break]

Rob: Welcome back, everyone, welcome back. Okay, the gloves are going to come off. Um, David Menzies in studio. Thank you, David, for coming in from Sun News Network. Talk a little bit about your show before I get into what happened this week.

Menzies: It's a brand new show, Mayor Ford. It's, uh, called *Menzoid Mornings*. It's politically incorrect, irreverent, unapologetic. And, by the way, I notice you were playing that sound bit. That's from Rush's "Subdivisions" from 1982. [Ford laughs] You know, I'm going to tell Torontonians, log on to YouTube and watch that video. Because it starts off with the streets and highways of Toronto and traffic is moving! It's unbelievable!

Doug: Yeah.

Menzies: Of course, it would be moving today if we had subways, but let's not go down that road.

Rob: Uh, let's go. And what time, what time's your show on? Tell the listeners what time your show's on.

Menzies: Six AM 'til eight AM Eastern time.

Rob: Six AM to eight AM.

Menzies: That's right.

Rob: Okay, folks. So, as everyone knows, um, what happened, maybe, well, maybe some people don't know. I got a knock at my door about 7:30 Wednesday night. I was doing homework with Stephanie. Doin' her, uh, spelling test. So, uh, all of a sudden my neighbour comes up, Mr. Gagro and says somebody's, uh, peeking over your fence with a camera, taking pictures. I said "Really?" So instead of running to my backyard like most people would or running between our houses, I said "You know what? I'm gonna catch this person." So I put on my shoes as quick as I can and ran all the way around James Gardens Park. So as soon as I got there, he turned around and I was within about four feet of this guy and it ended up being Daniel Dale from the *Toronto Star*. And he's a *Toronto Star* reporter at City Hall and I said, like, "What are you doing?" And he just threw up his hands, threw out his mic, threw out his everything and literally panicked and was screaming and just being hysterical. You know what? Folks, when someone is peering over your fence – I've got an eight-foot fence – and says they weren't and then sits here and tries to call my, uh, neighbours liars. And it was the neighbours that saw him on these, uh, concrete blocks. Enough.

Menzies: Oh well –

Rob: Enough is enough. And a lot of people I talked to said I'm just surprised, you know, uh, you let him get away. But, you know what? I, uh, I did.

Menzies: Well, Mayor Ford, that, that was just one of many lies being uttered by Daniel Dale. Uh, let's not forget when he was, uh, asked "Why wouldn't you phone 911 if you thought your life was at risk?". Uh, "Oh, my cell phone battery, uh, fizzled out." Funny. At

the police division – correct me if I’m wrong – uh, plenty of bars of power and it was ringing off the hook. Um, you know, I’m going to be, I’m going to try to be as completely fair as possible. This is about a land issue. Uh, you know, of land facing your property, uh, Mayor Ford. And I, I can understand why Daniel Dale would go down there and get the details for the so-called situational lead. Well, here’s a meadow and there’s three elm trees and a maple tree and a little creek is running through it, blah, blah, blah, blah. After ten minutes of getting those details, what are you hanging around for? What are you walking over to a fence for? What are you standing on two cinder blocks, looking into somebody’s private residence? And, I’m sorry, you’re a public figure and in this day and age of post-John Lennon, if you have strangers hanging around – right? – that you don’t recognize, that you don’t know, uh, this is a serious issue. This is risky business. I can also tell you, from people I’ve talked to that are in the know, they, as they say in Las Vegas, Mayor Ford, the fix was in. The whole idea, what would’ve made Daniel Dale’s, uh, year and the *Toronto Star*’s year – which I now call the “Toronto Stalker”, by the way – [Fords laugh] would’ve been if you actually did slug the guy. ’Cause that would’ve been jackpot. In fact, I’ve been told the *Star* purposely assigned, uh, their most effeminate, uh, reporter there – I’m not taking shots at him for being that way – but just to make the ledger look all the more slanted if you did bring about any physicality. This is disgusting, gutter journalism. It’s not the first time. Our taxpayer-, welfare-funded, uh, CBC had Mary Walsh come out to you and ambush you early in the morning. And, I’m sorry, if I had, you know, a, a, an alcoholic woman with a sword in [sic] my property [Rob snickers], I’m phoning the police too, Rob Ford.

Rob: Yeah. It seemed like she was, uh, on something.

Doug: Well –

Rob: I’m not quite sure what it was, but, uh, what do you think, uh, there, Councillor Ford?

Doug: You know, well, you know something? This, this is more than, than Daniel Dale. This is more than Daniel Dale, you know, sitting in the bushes like a stalker, uh, waiting outside someone’s house that anyone, and there’s thousands and thousands of residents that back onto a ravine, you can’t, the, the public doesn’t have access to the back of Rob’s fence unless you work through the bushes. This isn’t, uh, just about Daniel Dale. It’s not just about them following my mother around and saying that they didn’t follow her around. And door-knocking on, on hundreds of, of neighbours’ doors. In my opinion, this is a credibility of one of the larger news organizations in, in the country.

Menzies: But, Doug, let’s connect the dots. Let’s look at the reason why. What is the ostensible reason for why this is happening?

Rob: On that, I gotta take a qu-, on the why, let’s come back. I gotta take a quick break. The producer just cut me in here, sorry.

Menzies: Cliffhanger!

Rob: I, sorry, it’s –

[The 3 men talk over each other briefly]

Rob: Sorry.

Doug: We’re just warmin’ up right now, folks.

Rob: David Menzies is in studio from, uh, Sun News Network. And you're listening to Mayor Rob Ford, Councillor Doug Ford on in depth radio NewsTalk 1010. We'll be back shortly, folks.

[commercial & news break]

Rob: 416-872-1010,. 416-872-1010. Or text 7-1010. Um, just getting back. Catching a reporter in your backyard, taking pictures. Why, David Menzies, why? Let's leave it at that.

Menzies: Okay, I'm going to connect the dots, the dots for everyone, uh, Mayor Ford. And it comes down to two profound reasons why the *Star* is acting the way it is. And some of the other media as well. First of all, the *Star's* man, Smitherman, did not win the election in 2010. They can't get over that fact. Uh, you won with a majority, I think, what, eight minutes after the polls, uh closed? And they are in disbelief and they don't want to accept those results. The second thing is, uh, as probably a lot of your supporters know, the *Star* published what I considered to be a libellous and slanderous article about you supposedly physically assaulting one of your Don Bosco football players. Anonymous sources all the way through, which, by the way, is the laziest sort of journalism you can ever publish. It's been discredited. The victim himself, uh, says this never happened. Uh, they have not issued a retraction or an apology. And you have quite rightly excluded them from interviews. You know, I'm all for freedom of the press. How could I not be? I'm a journalist myself. But the *Star* is not above, you know, saying a mea culpa, you know, when they get it wrong. And I wanted to ask the folks to, I, I remember an incident that happened in the campaign, which I think speaks so much of the double standard and the kind of personal brutality you have gone through. I remember, I believe it was a retired doctor, at one of the all-candidates meetings, who got up and he said words to the effect, Mayor, "Well, you know, I'm lookin' at you and you're obviously very overweight and I see sweat patches under your arms and your face is red and beads of perspiration. How do we know that, when you get the stressful mayor, er, stressful job of being the mayor of Toronto this won't, you know, stress you out to such a degree you'll have a heart attack?" Right? You know, so, the idea, yeah, see, folks? He, he, he's too chubby a guy. We're doin' this for his own health, to keep him away, you know, from, from dying while he's in office. Could you imagine, Mayor Ford and Councillor Ford, could you imagine if I was at that all-candidates meeting and I went to George Smitherman. And I said "You know what? You know, George, being a practising homosexual and being the fact that you've been involved with all kinds of illicit drug use, how do we know you won't engage in high-risk sex and drug use that will bring about, uh, HIV leading to AIDS and you'll die in office?" I would be run out of town on a rail, right?! You know, oh no, we can't say that! But you know what? The mayor, fat guy? Let's heap it on. Let's bully this guy to death. And it is despicable and it speaks of the double standard with the left-wing media in this city, Mayor Ford.

Doug: Well, David, you, you know something? I, I just want to jump in here and I think it's one other issue too. That, just think, for years and years, the, the, in my opinion, the *Toronto Star* has always influenced the agenda or tried to set the agenda. But since December 2010, they haven't been able to. And there, there wasn't a politician in the, in the country that would, uh, go up against the *Toronto Star* because they buy ink in the barrel and god for-, you know, god help you if you ever went up against you [*sic*]. Rob and I, and quite numerous politicians, federally, provincially and municipally have said this to us: You guys are the only ones, the *only* ones that've actually stood up to the *Star*. Not only stood up to 'em, but are winning the battle against the *Toronto Star*.

Menzies: Oh, and, Doug, let's not forget why Mayor Ford, uh, part, part of the big reason for his populous support in the last election, once upon a time you had your excellent Thursday morning radio show on, uh, *John Oakley* on AM640. I know I'm not supposed to

plug the competition being here at 1010! But week after week, Thursday morning after Thursday morning, the most ridiculous stories of misspent funds in this city. The one that still sticks out in my head, um, Mayor Ford, – and ladies and gentlemen, I swear I'm not making this up – was this pilot project costing 50 thousand dollars to teach the homeless how to stilt walk! [Rob laughs] Your tax dollars at work, folks! And people heard this crap on a regular Thursday basis on AM640 and they said, "Listen, we can't do this. We can't let the socialists and the entitled people at City Hall run this city into bankruptcy territory!" And, you know, in the *Toronto Star* today, Lorrie Goldstein – I don't have the time to get into all the points – he's got a great article –

Rob: *Toronto Sun*.

Menzies: Sorry. Oh my goodness! What a Freudian slip! I said the "Toronto Stalker". [Fords laugh] I apologize, folks. Lorrie Goldstein in the *Toronto Sun*, uh, has a blow-by-blow account of the achievements you have done with a hostile council. We're talking, folks, people like Paula Fletcher, former president of the Communist Party of Canada for five years. How do you run as a commie and get elected in this city? We're talking Karen Stintz, a liar who would spit in your face and tell you it's raining. We're talking Adam Vaughan, this petulant guy who's bitter with daddy issues. I mean, you, you, I could go on! And still these achievements are made! So, folks, check out that article.

Rob: David, that's, uh, phenomenal.

Doug: [??]

Menzies: I'm just getting started, Mayor, I'm just getting started! [Fords laugh]

Doug: Okay, let's take some calls here.

Rob: Let's take some calls. Jim from North York, let's hear what you have to say. Disagree or agree. I, uh, you know, should've, uh, the guy been in my backyard taking pictures? If you think he was, I want to hear from ya. Hello?

Jim: Hello?

Rob: Jim? Jim? Jim from North York, you there?

Jim: Yeah. Uh, how you doin', uh, gentlemen? Um, you know, when it properly comes right down to it, what a credible or professional journalist would, uh, would probably do if they were sort of indecisive about what land you were trying to purchase, they would knock on your front door or call your office. I don't care if you haven't talked to them since hell froze over, that's what a journalist would do. At least a credible one. So the fact that they didn't do that speaks a lot to, uh, what sort of, uh, TMZ or *National Enquirer* journalism they're practising. And my 11-year-old daughter Sarah I think got it right. She said, I asked her "Sarah, why are all these people fighting with Rob and Doug?" And she basically summed it up to "Well, you know what, Daddy? The fact of the matter is they are greedy and they want to steal all the gravy and keep it for themselves. Rob and Doug want to share the gravy with all the people." Thanks a lot and keep up the good work, guys.

Rob: Thanks. Thanks for the call, Jim. Rob in Toronto. Rob in Toronto, are you there, line 3? Rob?

caller Rob: I am. Good afternoon, gentlemen.

Rob: How are you?

caller Rob: I'm very well, thank you. I am a retired justice. I have heard thousands of trespassing cases. So if the *Star* was to be charged, uh, you would come to court. The reporter would come to court. And I probably would say, "You know what? I'm not sure which one of the two is telling the truth." To be fair. Then I would look to the independent witness who happens to be your neighbour. No axe to grind. He calls 911 and then he calls you to say someone is peering over your fence. Game over for the *Toronto Star*.

Rob: Now –

caller Rob: Why would he lie?

Rob: I –

caller Rob: He has no reason to lie. He has no, you, you might've very well said to him when he called you "It's okay, neighbour, I know exactly who's there and why they're there. That's fine." So he had no idea that this was, this was occurring. His version is to be believed. And his version supports your version. That equals truth.

Rob: Well, I, I appreciate the call. And I, I never saw him. I turned around when I caught him there, he was, uh, basically his back was to me so, no, I never saw him taking pictures of my backyard. I just confronted him when he was right there. So my neighbour was the one. I've made that quite clear constantly.

Doug: Right.

Rob: So, um –

Doug: But I, I think we're, we're past that point. He admitted he was there. The neighbour saw him, he was there. The cameras saw the cinder block. They saw his footprints, so on. This goes back to the credibility of this organization called the *Toronto Star*. They've lost credibility. They're the brunt of all jokes. On the radio stations and other media outlets. You know, when I looked, I looked online at Yahoo Finance and I was under the understanding that they're, I, I looked at 30 percent, 37 percent circulation has dropped.

Menzies: Oh –

Doug: And the *Globe's* goin' up, the *Sun's* goin' up, the *Post* is going up.

Menzies: Absolutely. I think they have really crossed the line.

Doug: I know.

Menzies: And I've heard people call in to other radio stations and a prevalent theme was "that's it, I'm canceling my subscription" because, you know, hey –

Doug: I've heard that a thousand, *thousands* of times. Honestly, thousands.

Menzies: Well, and the reason why, the reasons why he was cancelling his subscription is his budgie died last week so he doesn't need it anyways. [Rob chuckles] And even, even people saying I am divesting myself of my Torstar stock, you know? And, by the way, you know, that's one way, uh, folks. If you don't agree with the *Toronto Star*, right? Don't support them. Let, you know, economic penalization works. Write to advertisers that

are there and say “You know what? You are part of a discredited media organization that is using bullying tactics and is unethical.” If advertisers start to get those kinds of letters, believe me, that will turn the screw.

Rob: Absolutely. Thanks. We’ve got to take a quick break, uh, for a quick weather update. You’re listening to *The City* on in-depth radio NewsTalk 1010 –

Doug: It’s pretty stormy, stormy in here today, I’ll tell ya. [Menzies laughs]

Rob: David Menzies, uh, –

Doug: Lightning’s going all over the place.

Rob: – and Mayor Rob Ford and Councillor Doug Ford. We’ll be back in a second, folks.

[break]

Rob: In studio is David Menzies. Uh, hope you join in and listen to *Menzoid* every morning between six o’clock and eight o’clock in the morning, Sun News Network. Uh, –

Menzies: And you know something, Mayor? I gotta tell ya. We’re making a new set, uh, called the “Menzoid Man Cave” which is for interviews. ‘Cause a lot of people don’t like comin’ in a six AM.

Doug: All about the man cave.

Menzies: I’m going to extend an invitation right now to you for the Sun News Network to be my inaugural guest on, in the Menzoid Man Cave. What do you say, Mayor?

Rob: You let me know, I’ll be there.

Menzies: Fantastic.

Rob: You give me the date and time and I’ll be there.

Doug: We’ll, we’ll, we’ll invite Menze –

Rob: I don’t mind getting up at six in the morning, five thirty. [Menzies laughs]

Doug: We’ll invite Menze to our man cave one time too.

Rob: You never know. If it’s –

Menzies: [laughing] Sometimes I [??].

Rob: I’m gonna be up at 5:30 ‘cause some people’re sittin’ around my backyard. At eight o’clock. You never know, they might come at five in the morning now. [Doug & Menzies laugh] Anyways, let’s take some more calls here. Scott. Scott from Brampton, you there on line 4?

Scott: Yeah, I sure am. Hey, Mayor Ford. I just wanted to say, you know, ironically I disagree with 80 percent of your political, uh, –

Rob: That’s fine.

Scott: -- perspectives I guess.

Rob: No problem. No problem.

Scott: But as a person I really, really like ya. You're passionate. And no matter what, you know, you say what's on your mind. You know, as far as this incident goes, um, I would be a little concerned. What if your neighbour didn't spot this Toronto reporter? I mean, what if he would've been out there another hour or two? That's what I wonder about. And I wonder if there's any way you could find out if the *Star* has been doing this for a couple of weeks. Have they sent a reporter to spy on you, you know, other nights? I mean, what's going to happen in the summer? Because you're not comfortable, uh, going to Gay Pride, they're gonna start, you know, uh, harassing you in front of your house?

Doug: Well, even scarier, Scott. You know something?

Scott: You know what I mean?

Rob: No, you're right.

Doug: I mean even scarier, we don't know and the neighbour didn't know it was the *Toronto Star*. He didn't have a sign. Rob has a five-year old and a three-year old. And then he has the elderly neighbours beside him. And all of a sudden, you know, this, this guy's lurkin' up with a, a jacket on.

Scott: Yeah.

Doug: And, uh, you don't know what he is. You don't know if he's some child, uh, someone goin', goin' after children or what.

Menzies: He didn't exactly, and, by the way, you know, Doug, I want to applaud Scott. 'Cause Scott prefaced his call by saying "I don't agree with 80 percent of what you stand for", but on this issue, a line has been crossed. And I can tell you guys, once upon a time, it was only a few decades ago, you could have a spirited debate. Whether it was on campus or in a political realm. Like City Hall. It could be anything from abortion to gun control and after the debate, you could go to a pub, have a beer with your debating partner and it's over. I'm sorry, and it's mostly from the left, guys, mostly from the left. These days, you have a contrary opinion, you are a hater, you are a denier, you are shunned, you are mocked, you are dissassociated with. And it is, it speaks very badly for the whole idea of, uh, you know, political, uh, discourse and debating in our society today. And it's a disgrace.

Doug: Well, it's, it's only the *Star* if you look at it. You don't have the problem with the *Globe*. You don't have it with the, the *Sun*. You don't have it with, uh, CTV or –

Rob: The *Post*.

Doug: Or the *Post*. You don't have it with any other credible organizations.

Menzies: And, and, you know what? We all –

Doug: At all.

Menzies: And, Doug, all these media outlets – and, and I've had freelance pieces in most of them – we try to get it right. We really do. But when we get it wrong, it's wrong. And

you know what we do? We run an apology. We run a retraction. With this assault, this alleged result, uh, assault, uh, based on anonymous sources where even the victim says "never happened", can anyone please explain to me why the *Star* won't get up there like a man and say "We made a mistake. Mea culpa. Mayor Ford, we got it wrong."?

Doug: No, but they never –

Menzies: Why haven't they apologized?

Rob: No.

Doug: No, no, no. But even, everyone else is wrong. All the time. So, so his elderly neighbours are wrong. The, the other incident, uh, the police chief is wrong. The OPP Commissioner is wrong. They're, the *Globe & Mail* was wrong when they found the, the football kid. Everyone's wrong, except the *Toronto Star*.

Menzies: And why does Daniel Dale still have a job? If I was caught in a lie like that, I can tell you, with the Sun's ethics, I would be asked to resign. And if I didn't, uh, do it, I would be fired.

Doug: What's, in my –

Menzies: He lied! And I'll also tell you, guys, –

Doug: But they don't, they don't have ethics.

Menzies: But, but, Doug, this is a very important point. Anyone can be a journalist, right?

Doug: Mm hm.

Menzies: There's no regulating body, there's no College of Journalists and Writers, right? The only thing we have is our reputation. That's it! That's my calling card. My word of honour to you and my handshake. When I break that, when I lie, game over! Game over!

Doug: You know what Rob has? Rob has the people because he's the mayor of all the people.

Menzies: He is indeed.

Rob: Thank you. No, guys, I appreciate that. Uh, we gotta take a quick commercial break. We'll be back in a couple of minutes. You're listening to NewsTalk 1010 with Mayor Rob Ford and Councillor Doug Ford and David Menzies. *Menzoid*, six o'clock to eight o'clock every morning on Sun News Network. Listen in, tune in.

[commercial break]

Doug: I'd like to go, get this show goin' for another hour. We have a couple other guests, but –

Rob: Okay, okay, okay.

Doug: -- Menzies's is on a roll here.

Rob: Let me take, let me take a couple callers quick here. Sarah. Sarah, you've been on hold for a while. Sarah on line 5.

Sarah: Hi, Rob and Doug and David. How are you?

Rob: Good.

Menzies: I'm doing very good, Sarah.

Sarah: Excellent. I just want to call in and say, Rob, I'm with you. I mean, if, if the press came to my house, I have young children as you know, just like your age and I just, I'm amazed that you kept your cool and, um, didn't lose it on the guy. And I just think it's so wrong. And, David, back me up here. There's an unwritten rule in the press that you don't go into, you know, public figures' backyards. You don't, you leave them alone when they've got children. You deal with them when they're at work. And, uh, the *Star* has just broken all that.

Menzies: Well, Sarah, I can tell you this. In the eight years David Miller was in office, he had no shortage of enemies either. I can tell you this for a fact. I don't even know what neighbourhood Mayor Miller's house is in. And why would I want to know that information. These kind of interviews could be done on, during business hours in appropriate forums for these scrums. And what's happened –

Sarah: Exactly.

Menzies: And what's happened, and, Sarah, what's even worse is on Friday, the *Toronto Star* in yet another "jump the shark" moment, the "Toronto Stalker" published this m-, it looked like a panel taken from *Family Circus*. You know, like, there's Billy going up the slide in the backyard and into the kitchen and you follow the footprints. It was like the print version of the Zapruder tape from the Kennedy assassination. But basically it was showing a, a detailed map of the, the mayor's residence, his backyard and the public property. Now, I mean, any predator that wanted to get at the mayor should just go and buy, uh, an issue of the Friday "Toronto", uh, "Stalker" and they've got the whole lay of the land. Thank you so much, number one Yonge Street.

Sarah: Exactly, but I'd like to say, Rob.

Rob: Yeah?

Sarah: What about, um, the issue of, I mean, it's a war. And now they're, they're turning to desperate measures. So why not just end the war? Let them into the, the, the, you know, uh, council. Let them, give them a little interview, give them, throw them a bone.

Doug: Actually, Sarah, –

Sarah: So they stop digging for the worst stuff.

Rob: The next story's coming out.

Doug: No, let me jump in there.

Rob: I can't wait for this next [?]. They're gonna make up another story.

Doug: Story after story after story.

Rob: Another story, another story. There's going to be another story coming out. You know that.

Doug: The reason, the reason they can't stand us is because we're putting a halt, a screeching halt on the gravy train. We ended up coming up with 336 million dollars in sustainable savings in, in the budget, in the 2011 and 2012 budget. We ended up, uh, bringing down the, the unemployment, uh, was, was brought down by, what is it? Nine point two down to eight point two. Twenty-seven thousand jobs.

Sarah: Yes, but I'm talking as a mother. I'm talking as a parent. On the, like, first and foremost Rob is a parent and he's got to protect his kids. And so, allowing the, the *Star* in for their tidbit of whatever they need would sort of protect, um, him from those two –

Doug: Okay.

Sarah: – reporters who try and, you know, get at his kids.

Doug: In a scrum, okay, I just want to be clear to the listeners.

Sarah: All right.

Doug: In every single scrum down there, the *Toronto Star* is there. Rob has never excluded, I just want to be clear –

Rob: And I do answer their questions.

Doug: Hold on. One second. Hold on. Rob does answer their questions. They've never been excluded from the mayor's office. Let's, let's repeat that because they keep saying they have been. What Rob has refused to do is have one-on-one interviews. But in a scrum, when the *Toronto Star* asks Rob a question, he answers it every time. They've been invited into his office. Even when Adrian Batra left, we invited him in the office for a little coffee party. So –

Menzies: Well, you know what? You know what? Doug, maybe you want to take it a step further?

Doug: And then –

Menzies: In the scrum, if you recognize a *Toronto Star* reporter, just say, you know, Mayor Ford, just say to the journalist, "Look, I'd like to talk to you. I've got a policy of not talking to the *Star* reporter."

Sarah: [??]

Doug: But Daniel Dale –

Menzies: Have the other journalists say "Hey, beat it. We've got to get our story."

Doug: I have talked to –

Sarah: [??]

Doug: I have taken Daniel Dale's call numerous times and talked to him.

Rob: Yeah.

Doug: So this is all nonsense that we don't. We don't do one-on-ones, but [words get cut off].

Rob: But there will be another ten coming out in the next, uh, month or so.

Doug: A couple thousand.

Rob: Anyways, we've gotta –

Sarah: [??] gentlemen. I mean, we gotta come to, you guys are building a city and, and everybody wants to have, and I think the war's gotta stop. The partisanship has to stop and you can really do some great stuff with, with the left.

Rob: No, we're doin' it.

Doug: Okay.

Rob: I work with the left all the time, Sarah. No, there's not a problem here.

Doug: Okay.

Rob: But thanks for your call. I gotta take a quick break here.

Doug: But that was –

Menzies: Let me just interject, please. You know, Sarah, I think is indicative of the kind of person out there that isn't part of this media elite and political elite that is trying to drag you down. You know, Rob, you are doing a fantastic job. You are a man of the people. I know how much you admired your father for being the self-made man he is. He's looking down at you from heaven beaming with pride. Don't let the bastards get you down, Rob. Keep fighting the good fight.

Rob: No, I definitely will. And I'm staying the course, David. Thank you so much. We're going to be back, uh, just about two o'clock. We're half-way through our show, folks. And, uh, we're on fire tonight. Or today. And we'll be probably tonight too, so. [Doug laughs] Anyways, uh, we'll be back. Thanks.

[break]

[Rob talks about Toronto soccer team Toronto FC]

Rob: Anyways. Um, –

Menzies: Gee, Toronto FC, uh, Rob, is being shut out more often than Syd Ryan running in Oshawa. [Rob & Doug laugh] Good lord.

Rob: Yeah, they're havin' some problems this year. They're makin' the Leafs look like they won a Stanley Cup, let me tell ya. [Menzies laughs] So, um, folks, we gotta support our sports teams. I'm a sports fanatic. But on that, uh, note, David, I sincerely, uh, wanna thank you for coming into the studio today. I, I appreciate the support. I wish you all the best on your *Menzoid* at six in the morning to eight in the morning on Sun News Network. Um, you

can tell the listeners what channel that is on, um, if you're not, if they're not aware. And, uh, thank you. Thank you so much.

Menzies: Thank you so much, uh, Mayor Ford and, uh, we got it on record. Remember you are the first inaugural guest on, in the Menzoid Man Cave once they set it up. And, uh, it will be an honour to host you. And, like I said, don't let the bastards get you down. You're doing a great job. And the political and, uh, journalistic elite, uh, such as, you know, the "Toronto Stalker", they are not indicative of what the person on the street is thinkin'. And so all the more power to you. Go brave, stand tall, Mayor Ford.

Rob: Don't worry, I'm stayin' the course so, uh, –

Menzies: Excellent.

Rob: We're campaigning already for the next election. So bring 'em on because I'm just, uh, we're saving taxpayers' money. We're contracting garbage –

Menzies: Thank you for allowing me into this, uh, realm. I really appreciate it.

Rob: Well, thanks and good luck. All the best to you.

Menzies: Thank you, Mayor Ford.

[Doug & Rob list more of their money-saving accomplishments with which the *Toronto Star* disagrees, in their opinion.]

On May 7, 2012, CFRB aired the following reports during various news segments:

9:00 pm news

male announcer: Pride Toronto is blasting comments made by *Toronto Sun* columnist on yesterday's *The City* here on NewsTalk 1010. David Menzies brought up a comment made during an all-candidates meeting during the 2010 mayoral campaign. An audience member question whether the Mayor's too overweight to make it through office. Menzies says the comment is an example of the, quote, "personal brutality the mayor has gone through". He then made a comparison, saying he would be run out of town on a rail if he had asked George Smitherman, "being a practising homosexual and the fact that you've been involved with all kinds of illicit drug use, how do we know you won't engage in high-risk sex and drug use that will bring about HIV leading to AIDS and you'll die in office?" NewsTalk 1010's Justine Lewkowicz reports that Pride Toronto isn't taking that comment too lightly.

Lewkowicz: Pride Toronto co-chair Francisco Alvarez says the comments were offensive.

interview with Alvarez: Just because one is, uh, homosexual doesn't mean they engage in high-risk sex or drug use. Secondly, if someone does develop HIV, it does not necessarily lead to, lead to AIDS.

Lewkowicz: And he says he'd like the mayor and his brother to distance themselves from what David Menzies had said. Councillor Doug Ford is doing just that.

interview with Doug Ford: You know, Rob and I, uh, don't agree with his comments.

Lewkowicz: Councillor Ford says he doesn't agree with anyone getting attacked personally, and that includes shots at the mayor about his weight. Justine Lewkowicz, NewsTalk 1010.

10:00pm news

announcer: Pride Toronto calls comments made by a *Toronto Sun* columnist on NewsTalk 1010's *The City* yesterday offensive. David Menzies brought up a comment made during an all-candidates meeting during the 2010 mayoral campaign. An audience member had questioned whether or not the mayor's too overweight to make it through office. Menzies says the comment is an example of the personal brutality that the mayor has gone through. He then made a comparison, saying he would be run out of town on a rail had he asked George Smitherman, "Being a practising homosexual and the fact that you've been involved with all kinds of illicit drugs, how would we know you won't engage in a high-risk sexual activity and drug use that will bring about HIV leading to AIDS and you'll die in office?" Well, NewsTalk 1010's Justine Lewkowicz reports that Pride Toronto isn't taking that comment too lightly.

Lewkowicz: What upsets Pride Toronto co-chair Francisco Alvarez more than anything else:

interview with Alvarez: Regardless of what Mr. Menzies thinks, is that the Fords said nothing. They let it pass.

Lewkowicz: Well, Councillor Doug Ford says he and his brother the mayor do not agree with the comments made.

interview with Ford: We don't agree with, uh, personally attacking anyone 'cause we, we know how it is.

Lewkowicz: Ford says perhaps a more experienced broadcaster would have jumped on comments like Menzies', but he and his brother are rookies. Justine Lewkowicz, NewsTalk 1010.

11:00 pm news

male announcer: Councillor Doug Ford says he and, he and his brother do not agree with comments made by a *Toronto Star* [sic] columnist on NewsTalk 1010's *The City* yesterday after Pride Toronto came out blasting the comments themselves. David Menzies brought up a comment made during an all-candidates meeting during the 2010 mayoral campaign. An audience member had questioned whether or not the mayor was too overweight to make it through the o-, er, through office. Menzies says the comment is an example of the personal brutality that the mayor has gone through. He then made a comparison, saying he would be run out of town on a rail if he had asked George Smitherman, "Being a practising homosexual and the fact that you've been involved with all kinds of illicit drug use, how do we know you won't engage in high-risk sex and drug use that'll bring about HIV leading to AIDS and you'll die in office?" NewsTalk 1010's Justine Lewkowicz reports that Pride Toronto isn't taking that comment lightly.

Lewkowicz: Even though David Menzies said he would not have been able to make such comments during the mayoral campaign, suggesting they're inappropriate, Pride Toronto co-chair Francisco Alvarez says it's something that just should not have been said.

interview with Alvarez: It is inappropriate and, you know, people listen to that and they, you know, there are people who, um, are easily swayed by, by, by influential people like him.

Lewkowicz: He says he wants the Ford brothers to distance themselves from the comments, which Councillor Doug Ford has done. As for an apology from Menzies,

Alvarez: That would be nice, but I think that's a little too much to hope for.

Lewkowicz: Justine Lewkowicz, NewsTalk 1010.