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Subject: Re: What are Tax Payers getting From Tax Increases
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Good Day,

RE: What are Taxpayers Getting from Tax Increases

Hopefully this note can be an add on to my original note on the increased budget proposal.

With so much upset everywhere on the increases to our taxes due to the developers getting the breaks, has now, prompted our Premier to come forward with "calm" that the Conservative Government will compensate the municipalities for these costs. So, my question is for us to get a solid quote as to what percentage of these costs, or all of the costs that the developers would have absorbed, is he willing to compensate? These amounts need to be mandated from him before the budget is accepted! Doing this at a later date, just gives the municipalities a found surplus added to the City coffers, at the tax payers expense. Wrong! Transparency at that time will be very tight lipped, which is not fair, nor a democratic honest way to do business, thus, again losing the trust of the taxpayers. We at present, already sit with one of the highest tax proposals in the Province! This is serious business as we all know right from the get go that the developers having been given the money gravy chain advantages to move forward, is so very wrong in any direction you look at it.

Thank you once again for hearing my thoughts.

Sincerely,

Sharon Hutchinson

On Sun, Jan 8, 2023 at 11:34 PM Sharon Hutchinson [REDACTED] > wrote:
Good Day,

This question above was put out by your web page.

May I express my feelings and probably the majority of Burlington citizens on the substantial tax increase due to now having to pick up on what the "rich" developers were at one time paying is not what the tax payers feel they should be getting for the increase that is now before us. In saying this as being not what we want, and you trying to instill in us that we should be happy with what we are getting for the increase, is totally in the penalty box. So what now is your answer, if we don't like the increase because we don't want it, or feel it is unrightfully just, but have to pick up the costs that the "rich" developers have been spared gives us what option going forward? You are our elected leaders, and with "all" municipalities coming to an agreed consensus that this cost now being moved to the taxpayer is wrong in every aspect should be handled with a majority vote. The Premier of Ontario has to be put in his place, and with a majority vote of Ontario Mayors and Council on this stand, it should be halted and not allowed to be accepted. We as municipalities are weak, and therefore easier to just pass whatever on to the taxpayer as an increase rather than

rally for righteousness for your people. How sad is this! What "we" are getting from this increase is very minimal for what we are having to pay - bottom line!!!!!! The Premier lives in a democratic world, with his mandates on things unacceptable to society is making us having to accept a dictatorship style of life. No one wants to see or hear this but too many moves made without proper voter participation is writing on the wall going forward. Should you have explanation of some sort to pacify me on my thoughts, I would be greatly appreciative.

With thanks.

Sharon Hutchinson