

Hello,

This message is to express concern about the mayor's recent communications about a levy beyond the planned tax increase of 4.96%.

Homelessness, addiction and mental health are not new and not exclusively local. They are present across the country.

For me, this was far too much of the mayor to expect from us as we live in year four of a prolonged pandemic, inflation and imminent recession. I do not object to his concern for this group. This plan for a levy for any reason now and going forward is too much for us to be expected to assume.

The mayor should direct and delegate his concerns about funding back to the province and the federal government.

Both addiction and mental health should be, ongoing, in the area of the Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC) led by Dr. Tam who was in her position since 2017 and recently her position was extended an additional two years with \$50,000.00 salary increase. PHAC is expected to plan, prepare, prevent, protect. Both she and the Prime Minister should be considered in the mayor's attempts to acquire further funding.

There is federal money.

The billions spent over the years on Phoenix payroll with more required.

The billions identified by the auditor general as associated with the pandemic benefits program and that appeared to be dispensed without accountability and should be actively collected.

Those billions would go far to make a difference if directed to homelessness, addiction, mental health.

There are further examples of frivolous federal spending.

This province is known to have a very sizeable subnational debt. I am not suggesting more from the province.

My 2022 tax bill paid was at least \$5,600.00 and will increase for 2023.

As a resident of Guelph and the single payer of federal, provincial, local as well as taxes on most goods and services, I very strongly object to consideration of any levy for any reason. I recall we have been or are already responsible for at least one or more previous levies.

Thank you.

I should mention recent messaging about the development charges are being downloaded.

I understand Alectra is delegating services for hydro and water metre reading too.

Would Council please provide clarity on both of these?

With respect to the content of my message yesterday and today's message, the content is public record
- the Globe & Mail, television news, usual messaging from CBC, CTV, others.

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Resident of Guelph