

To :Guelph City Council/City Of Guelph/Boards that comprise of City tax increases-

It now has become apparent that the sky is the limit for this Council , and our public servant representatives. After seeing another PROJECTED 7.66 percent tax increase roll across my screen today in the Guelph Today news article I sit here and wonder.... at what point will this Council and Staff wake up and LISTEN to their constituents and their local business owners?

In a time that the economy is clearly slowing , mortgage rates are squeezing the lower and middle class (the working class some may say), I can't help but write this email and strictly ask the question "when does this stop?"

Wages have not kept up with the constant inflation or increases; the cost of every single person's basic needs have skyrocketed (Food, insurance, groceries, and now taxes) . This simply cannot continue to happen without major catastrophe .

I am fortunate enough to work with a network of small business owners and entrepreneurs in which I have personally seen build businesses from the ground up (including myself) , and the constant rhetoric day in and day out with them these days is.... "how much are our taxes going to go up this time"? They simply CAN NOT handle these types of constant increases. It is just too out of touch with reality . I urge this Council and our City Staff to please wake up and LISTEN to us, understand that this is not an endless pit of finances and its time for the public servants to reject and go back to the drawing board and make sacrifices like the rest of us do because your citizens are tired of the constant increases.

Prior to 2021 we were used to seeing increases of around 2.5 to 3.5 percent. In recent years we have seen multiple levies applied as well as increases of anywhere from 4.21 percent to 8.52 percent and now a projected 7.66 percent this simply is not sustainable , piled on to increased MPAC assessments across the board this city is on a path of making their constituents BROKE.

The time for making sacrifices is now. We are all doing our best to just make ends meet, so it is time for you to do your part and show us that you truly care about the ones that you represent .

Thank you for your time and your consideration.

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