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His Worship Mayor Clarke & Members of City Council
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Your Worship and Councillors:

Re: Proposed Commercial Tax Increases

The business community in Sutherland is extremely concerned about the proposed dramatic increase to commercial property tax rates.

The Sutherland Business Improvement District (SBID) is calling on Saskatoon City Council to review any increase(s) to the proposed commercial property tax for 2022-2023. This review should also consider a lower inflation factor as well as thorough review of the method and calculation of commercial property valuations that have shown to be grossly inaccurate in some cases. We are asking for a tax freeze and a review of the property tax assessments after the large hike was announced.

We feel that the proposed increase(s) will have a definite impact on our business owners ability to recover from the pandemic. The commercial business sector will need every possible support to make up for growth lost to COVID-19. We would like to see businesses re-open, not close!

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Board of Management,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sheldon Wasylenko', is written over a horizontal line.

Sheldon Wasylenko, Chair

Cc. SBID Board of Management