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Comments:

Dear Members of Saskatoon City Council,

I hope this letter finds you all in good health and high spirits. I am writing to express my deep concern regarding the proposed large property tax increases for 24/25. While I understand that the city has its own financial obligations and responsibilities, now is not the time to burden our

residents with additional financial strain.

As residents of Saskatoon, we are currently facing an affordability crisis that is affecting the lives of many in our community. The recent and ongoing increases in the cost of essential goods and services, such as food, gas, home heating, and mortgage payments, have placed a significant financial burden on households across the city.

In light of these difficulties, it is imperative that the city takes a responsible and empathetic approach to its budget decisions. Rather than imposing large property tax increases, I urge the city to consider alternative strategies to address its financial needs. One such strategy is to tighten the city's belt by carefully examining its expenditures.

A significant portion of the city's budget is allocated to salaries, particularly within middle-management positions. While I recognize the importance of a well-functioning municipal workforce, I believe that it is necessary to evaluate whether the city can reduce its workforce through layoffs in non-essential or middle-management roles. This would allow us to redirect funds towards maintaining and improving core services that are essential to our community's well-being.

Focusing on core services should be our top priority during these challenging times. Our residents rely on these services for their safety, health, and overall quality of life. By reallocating resources to these areas, we can ensure that essential services such as public safety, infrastructure maintenance, and community support programs continue to meet the needs of our residents without imposing additional financial burdens.

In conclusion, I implore the Saskatoon City Council to reconsider the proposed large property tax increases. I encourage the council to explore alternative budgeting solutions, including examining salaries and considering layoffs in middle-management positions to protect the affordability and well-being of our community.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, and I hope that you will make decisions that prioritize the best interests of Saskatoon's residents.

Thank you for the consideration,
Mike Klein

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