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Subject: Comments - Sheldon Wasylenko - Rayner Agencies - Tax Policy
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Submitted by user: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

I have read and understand the above statements.: Yes

I do not want my comments placed on a public agenda. They will be shared with members of Council through their online repository.: Yes

I only want my comments shared with the Mayor or my Ward Councillor.: No

Date: Monday, April 21, 2025

To: Her Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

First Name: Sheldon

Last Name: Wasylenko

Phone Number : [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

I live outside of Saskatoon: No

Saskatoon Address and Ward:

Address: 100-810 Central Ave, Saskatoon, SK S7N2G6

Ward: Ward 1

Name of the organization or agency you are representing (if applicable): Rayner Agencies Ltd.

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: Commercial Property Tax Ratio

Comments:

Please see attached letter.

Attachments:

- [letter to council re tax rate.docx](#) 16.03 KB

Will you be submitting a video to be vetted prior to council meeting?: No

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https://www.saskatoon.ca/admin/structure/webform/manage/webform_398/submission/106700

Dear Mayor Block and Members of Saskatoon City Council,

I am writing to strongly urge Council to reconsider a commercial-to-residential tax ratio of **1.88:1** and to approve the **1.71** that will be going forward at the next Council meeting from the Governance and Priorities Committee which met on April 9, 2025.

I would also like to respond directly to **Councillor Jeffries' comment on the March 26 Council Meeting** that he has not heard any concerns from Saskatoon businesses regarding the 1.88:1 ratio. As a business operating in Saskatoon, I want to be clear: businesses are concerned.

The current environment is extremely challenging for local businesses. We are contending with:

- **US tariffs** that affect our reconstruction capacity and raise the costs of goods
- **Inflation** that has driven up the cost of everything from raw materials to wages
- **Tight and shrinking profit margins** as we try to stay competitive
- **Ongoing pandemic recovery**, which continues to impact staffing, supply chains, and demand
- **Rising crime**, including theft and vandalism, that adds to our operating costs
- **A shrinking labour pool**, with both skilled and unskilled workers in short supply

We *can* offer is a tax environment that signals to businesses that we are welcome here, that Saskatoon *wants us to succeed*.

I urge you to reconsider the **1.88:1** tax ratio and listen to the many business voices across this city who are speaking up—right now—with real concerns.

Sincerely,
Sheldon Wasylenko, President
Rayner Agencies Ltd.

