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**Subject:** WIP Capital Appropriations

Good Morning Mike,

Tomorrow Council will be approving some appropriations with respect to Council Priority - Minor Rehabilitation/Maintenance for roads and sidewalks within each of the Wards. There are some pretty significant numbers here.

I've put together the attached spreadsheet using the numbers in Appendix C as well as from the historical budgets. Barring any mistakes I've made I have a few questions :

1. Why are we incurring Debt for some of the Wards and not others, and why are we incurring Debt when it appears we have excess unspent funds that have been collected from the taxpayers via the Operating Levies?
2. Why are we continuing to charge operating levies to the taxpayers when we've already collected millions of dollars that haven't been spent?
3. Why do we appear to be having a problem actually spending the funds in this account over the last few years?
4. How can some Wards have unspent funds that exceed the annual budgets?
5. Whose ward is Ward 20?
6. Why did the budget jump from \$3 million to almost \$9.5 million in light of the fact that we already had \$7.5 million unspent and unallocated to projects?
7. Why does this account even exist (and why are we charging citizens) when the majority of Council appear to have a difficult time spending it?
8. Do the updated balances of over \$1 million in some cases now mean that Council approval is required for any expenditures or will each councillor continue to have discretionary approval of this account?

I've copied all of Council in on this email as well as the City Clerk so my correspondence can be added to tomorrow's GIC Agenda.

Thank you for your time,

Viv Saunders

c/o Lakewood Beach Community Council