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Subject: FW: Area Rating

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Sent: July-16-16 5:46 AM

To: Johnson, Aidan; Skelly, Donna; Pearson, Maria; Collins, Chad; Ferguson, Lloyd; VanderBeek, Arlene; Johnson, Brenda

Cc: Sheppard, Judy

Subject: RE: Area Rating

Thanks Aidan,

Just to clarify, for the most part, we're talking about properties that are levied Rural Fire, but are levied as Urban for Transit, Sidewalks/Streetlights and Rec levies.

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To the Council:

Thank you very much for your thoughtful engagement.

I appreciate this feedback very much.

Best,

Aidan Johnson, BCL, LLB, BA, MA

Councillor for Ward 1

Chair, Audit, Finance & Administration Committee

City of Hamilton

From: Lakewood Beach Community Council [<mailto:lakewoodbeachcc@hotmail.com>]

Sent: July-15-16 2:32 PM

To: Johnson, Aidan; Skelly, Donna; Pearson, Maria; Collins, Chad; Ferguson, Lloyd; VanderBeek, Arlene; Johnson, Brenda

Cc: Sheppard, Judy

Subject: Area Rating

Dear Chair and Committee Members:

We are respectfully requesting that Committee seriously consider a review of our Area Rating system at your next Committee meeting scheduled for August 10th.

We are of the opinion that hundreds, if not THOUSANDS, of residences, commercial and industrial business located within our **urban** boundaries have a **Rural levy** for Fire. For those that aren't aware, rural fire levy is 50% of the urban fire levy (rate / thousand \$ assessment). also about 5x those of transit

There appears to be absolutely no consistency or rationale applied throughout the city which is completely inequitable. The result has placed even more pressure on our members who are taxed as urban/urban residential under our Area Rating system. Fire levies range anywhere from 25% to 150% more than our Transit levies so a review of this levy, prior to Transit, is in our opinion more pressing.

Time constraints do not allow us to prepare a formal presentation to committee but should anyone wish to view our rough notes, please advise and we will scan and copy them to you. Or If you wish to speak by phone, please advise.

Thank you,

Lakewood Beach Community Council