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Subject: TransCab Area Rating Request - Draft

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Dear Honourable Mayor and Members of Council,

For far too long, those of us that live or own properties within the TransCab Boundary lines of Stoney Creek have **not** been taxed in keeping with the Area Rating principles Council has established. **Our estimate is that we are being 'overtaxed' by over \$1 million per year.** We are respectfully requesting that you refer this issue to the Public Works Committee for discussion.

One of the main principles of Special Area Taxation is 'you pay for what you get'. We get TransCab. TransCab has an operating cost of @ \$400,000 based on ridership data in Stoney Creek / Fruitland / Winona. We estimate the businesses and citizens living in SC TransCab boundary are levied well over \$1.5 million per year.

While we appreciate Council hasn't wanted to deal with Area Rating on a large scale, in the interim, we are requesting a discussion on what appears to be an oversight back in 2010 - possibly amending our policy to fix this glaring inequity.

Had we seen any measurable Transit changes since 2012 (other than expanding the boundary into Ward 5 at the expense of Ward 9, 10 and lower 11 ratepayer), we might have continued to be patient and wait out a full Area Rating review. In light of a recent observation though, this is not in the best interests of our members; nor those in our community at large.

Transit was the only core service that a SC residential property assessed at \$341,500, is paying more for in 2018 than they did in 2017. Other core services such as roads, waste management, police, fire, etc are all lower in 2018 vs 2017 at that same assessed value.

Our Transit \$ Value Levies have increased 168% since 2010 in comparison to inner city (w1-8) which have increased 154%, but we can't recall any hsr transit enhancements in lower Stoney Creek. If there were any, I'm sure you'll agree none to the same degree as other areas.

We're hopeful that you will refer this correspondence to a Standing Committee to address why apportioning those increases to areas which still only have TransCab (the manner in which service is delivered) is occurring.

Respectfully,

Viv / Anna / Nancy
Lakewood Beach Community Council

P.S. Janet, please add this to Council's June 27th Agenda. Thank you.