

Pilon, Janet

Subject: Council Consideration on Potential Tax Levy Reduction

From: Viv Saunders

Sent: Monday, August 17, 2020 3:31 PM

To: DL - Council Only; clerk@hamilton.ca

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P.S. Another advantage of this Fiscal Policy change just occurred to me. The city, via water bills, would receive funding for stormwater management much quicker than via the present system on new builds. Presently, supplemental tax bills aren't processed until @ 18 months after closing/possession which creates a lag in funding for the city. If some of the Conservation Authorities fees are allocated to water rates, funding is received one month after closings/possessions due to immediate billing of hydro/water.

On Mon, Aug 17, 2020 at 10:59 AM Viv Saunders wrote:

Andrea, please add this correspondence on to the next Council Meeting agenda

Dear Honourable Mayor and Members of Council,

I would welcome your thoughts, comments, critique on whether the attached change in Fiscal Policy has merit.

This is an area that I don't know a lot about, but my thinking is by carving out "stormwater related expenses" & billing via the water rates, this suggested change has the potential to have citizens focus/conserve and ties into the Public Awareness campaigns already being done by the City in regards to water.

Look forward to your feedback as to whether this suggestion has merit and could also possibly result in less CSO overflows and/or a reduction in floodings.

Respectfully,

Viv Saunders