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Subject: Constituent Questions for Next Meeting (1/24/23)

Hi There,

I would like to address the concerns/questions below on behalf of a senior I know who also lives in the City of Hamilton. He would like his questions addressed, if possible, at the next city council meeting- please confirm that it is on 1/24/23. I have shared this constituent's concern at bottom.

Is there an opportunity to share these questions/concerns in-person during the meeting, or must they be submitted online? Thank you for your clarification.

Sincerely,

Daniel Innis

Constituent Concerns/Questions:

1. What plans does the city have to relieve those outlying communities that are burdened to pay for services that they will never use? i.e. LRT, HSR to name a couple.
2. Why is the city council willing to spend \$26 to convert Main St. to a two-way street? Many intersections have already posted "no right turn on red" signs on several intersections to reduce pedestrian accidents. Why can't Hamilton traffic rule violators be sanctioned using existing traffic laws and enforcements instead of imposing a backward way to solve a concern. Slowing down traffic throughout Hamilton will also cause more pollution from idle vehicles. Environmental targets that the city has set will be challenged by bumper-to-bumper traffic throughout Main Street's thoroughfare.
3. What audit considerations (or scrutiny) has been applied when the different departments have presented their 2024 budget numbers to council? Example: Does the police budget get an automatic pass for the sizeable increase proposed? Is this just a matter of them presenting their budget, answer a few questions, then move on....? Continuing to increase taxes beyond sustainable numbers is not a solution.
4. I fear that the value of my home/property is depreciating in value because of the crazy high taxes we pay in Carlisle. If my house was 1 KM away in Halton Region, my taxes would be at least 20% lower! How is this possible? Why has Hamilton let this get so out of hand?
5. Amalgamation was a disaster! Plain and simple. When we had our town Hall in Waterdown, budgets were scrutinized with a fine tooth comb and with the taxpayer in mind. What happened to common sense?

6. Finally, I am a retiree on a fixed income and have never seen a 14.2% increase in my pension. How is it that I am expected to support a tax increase that is eroding my revenue every year?