

**From:** Christine Le [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** January 14, 2025 12:21 AM  
**To:** [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)  
**Subject:** Statement regarding Property Tax Increase

**External Email:** Use caution with links and attachments

To Whom It May Concern,

As a resident of Hamilton, I am writing to express my concerns regarding the proposed 6.3% property tax hike in the 2025 budget. While I understand the importance of maintaining and improving public services, I must highlight a shared sentiment among many residents: the noticeable lack of tangible improvements in key areas such as road maintenance, library services, and police or crime regulation.

Over the past few years, Hamiltonians have witnessed tax increases, yet the day-to-day impact on the quality of life for residents remains underwhelming. Roads in many areas are in disrepair, public libraries are struggling to modernize and meet community needs, and issues related to crime and public safety persist. These are critical areas that directly affect residents' lives and should reflect the investments made through increased taxes.

I urge the city to provide clear and transparent communication about how the proposed tax increase will address these specific concerns. Residents need assurance that their hard-earned money will be allocated toward measurable and impactful improvements. Additionally, I recommend that the city explore alternative cost-saving measures or revenue-generating strategies to ease the burden on taxpayers without compromising essential services.

Hamilton is a thriving city with immense potential, but its growth must be accompanied by meaningful and visible enhancements in public services. I respectfully request that the council take these concerns into consideration and work toward a balanced solution that prioritizes the needs of residents.

Sincerely,

Christine Le  
[REDACTED]