

From: Mark Daly
Sent: Thursday, January 22, 2026 7:45 PM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
Subject: Re: Hamilton City Hall - Taxes and Roads

Just to add another example of the gross mismanagement of our City, the link for the Citizen Survey for input on this outrageous budget is not working.

https://hamiltonca.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_bJF2Md0hSLEpWrY

On Jan 22, 2026, at 7:39 PM, Mark Daly wrote:

Begin forwarded message:

I am writing to express serious concern about continued property tax increases—well above inflation—and the horrific condition of Hamilton’s roads.

Over the past decade, property taxes have increased by approximately **53%**, including repeated annual increases of 5–6% in recent years. These increases place a significant burden on residents, many of whom are struggling far more financially than I am.

Despite these increases, the condition of our roads is unacceptable and deeply embarrassing. In my neighborhood— [REDACTED] —and on major routes such as Fennell Avenue, Upper Wellington, and the Kenilworth Access, road conditions are severely deteriorated, unsafe, and damaging to vehicles. Visitors from other cities regularly comment on how poor Hamilton’s roads are.

The state of our roads is a clear and visible example of fiscal irresponsibility—one that reflects broader failures in how city resources are being managed and prioritized. Paving and maintaining roads is among the most basic responsibilities of any city. When taxes rise dramatically and road conditions worsen, residents are justified in questioning where their money is going.

I managed tight school budgets for 14 years and understand what it means to make difficult decisions. City Council should do the same.

I believe this budget should be balanced with a 0% property tax increase, forcing Council to make the hard choices that residents and families are already making every day.

I ask you directly: **How can you take pride in your performance when residents are paying substantially higher taxes and the most basic municipal service—safe, well-maintained roads—is failing so visibly?** How do you justify above-inflation tax increases while allowing core infrastructure to deteriorate?

I would appreciate a clear response outlining how these issues will be addressed.

[REDACTED] without a drastic and immediate focus on fiscal restraint. I will support any candidate running on limiting these outrageous increases in tax burden.

Sincerely,
Mark Daly
Ward 7 Resident
[REDACTED]