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Subject: Budget deliberation correspondence

Dear Mayor Elmslie and Council,

It is with great urgency that we inform you today that this budget does not meet our approval. We implore you to vote against passing it.

Carrying debt is not acceptable. We want a hopeful future for our children, not one saddled with the results of fiscal irresponsibility. We would like to see it corrected by cutting administration and management costs over the next 10 years with a solid commitment not to incur any further debt. Our dissatisfaction with the management of our money and assets has reached a boiling point. We were assured amalgamation would bring savings and better services. It is universally conceded that the opposite has resulted. Over twenty years later we have consistently poor and inaccessible services with a municipal debt load of one hundred and eleven million dollars. Any other management company would be fired.

The 36 million \$ annual asset reserve fund must be audited and examined thoroughly. It stinks worse than our landfills.

It has become increasingly evident that in this model of employment under the Municipal City Service Corporation, our Mayor and Council have limited ability to act and speak for The People. A prime example was Tuesday's "Housing Strategy" that was passed despite major concerns and issues unanswered or resolved.

Who is responsible for the fate and well-being of The People living in this area? Is it you or Ron Taylor , CAO? Do you answer to him or to The People who elected you? Does he employ you, or do we? Where does your allegiance lie? Did you know before you were elected that you would not swear an oath to The People? Do you feel your declaration to the Municipality encompasses the true nature of your job, or would you like things to turn around and have a Council and Mayor working for The People again?

If you truly wish to represent The People, stop putting the Plans and Strategies of the Service Corporation as designed by it's CAO and his international affiliates ahead of the well-being and interests of The People. These "strategies" and "plans" such as the rural zoning bylaw restructure, Strong Mayor Powers , Housing Strategy and now this budget are harmful to The People and contrary to the values of democracy and freedom , peaceable and fair governing.

It is unconscionable to move ahead with this poor management mode that threatens our economic security, and routinely runs our infrastructure at over capacity. With homelessness and food insecurity increasing annually we can not stand by and accept this gross mismanagement any longer.

Signed with hopeful confidence,

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