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**Subject:** FW: [EXTERNAL]Windrow Clearing

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Good morning,

Please add this email as correspondence for the February 7th council meeting. The mayor mentioned on last night's telephone town hall that windrow clearing would be discussed at that meeting.

On the telephone town hall last night I believe a cost of \$120 per house was stated to finance the windrow clearing. I am vehemently opposed to any tax increases to provide this service. In June 2021 councillor Gurpreet Dhillon stated "I will ensure that I work with staff to find the internal savings and efficiencies required to provide this service that our residents are demanding." Why does the current council immediately jump to tax increases instead of internal efficiencies?

Council in 2015 and 2021 considered including windrow clearing in the winter maintenance program and both times decided it was too expensive. Estimates in 2021 were 13.7 million dollars which would have been a 2.77% tax increase. I do not know what current estimates are but they have certainly not decreased.

As a homeowner it is my responsibility to clear my driveway including the windrow. If I am unable to then I can hire someone to do it or I can move. The city already provides financial assistance for snow clearing for eligible residents. Adding windrow clearing service is unnecessary especially on the backs of taxpayers.

Brampton should consider a pilot program similar to what Caledon is doing this year. The first 200 eligible applicants pay a \$200 non refundable fee and will have the windrow cleared from January 1st to March 31st, 2024. The cost to Caledon is \$60,000.

Instead of a tax increase for a service that is unnecessary why not start small with a pilot project and gauge people's interest.

I respectfully request that you vote against any proposed tax increase to fund this unnecessary windrow clearing service.

Thank you.

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Brampton