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Archived: 2020/11/26 12:44:26 PM

From: [Robert Hakim](#)

Sent: Thu, 26 Nov 2020 16:33:21 +0000ARC

To: City Clerks Office

Subject: [EXTERNAL]Why not control spending instead of raising taxes?

Sensitivity: Normal

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A tax hike is the last thing taxpayers need right now. The unemployment rate hit a record high in Peel region at 16 per cent.

While taxpayers have lost their jobs, Brampton's 2021 budget shows the city wants to hire 44 new employees! Employee compensation in Brampton will increase by 3.2 per cent and cost taxpayers an extra \$14 million. Why are bureaucrats getting new jobs and raises when the taxpayers who pay their salaries are struggling?

∞Sent via [BlackBerry Hub+ Inbox for Android](#)

Archived: 2020/11/26 12:47:21 PM

From: [lorna conroy](#)

Sent: Thu, 26 Nov 2020 16:33:37

To: City Clerks Office

Subject: [EXTERNAL]Tax hike!!

Sensitivity: Normal

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Please find a way to reduce spending instead of raising taxes while so many are struggling financially!! You were elected to represent your constituency- do your job!! We do not want a tax hike!!

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\f0Thank you

\f0Lorna Conroy

Archived: 2020/11/26 12:50:31 PM

From: [Ana Hackett](#)

Sent: Thu, 26 Nov 2020 16:34:01

To: City Clerks Office

Subject: [EXTERNAL]Taxes

Sensitivity: Normal

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∕0Please don't raise my taxes.

∕0Ana Hackett

## Ajitkumar, Richa

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**From:** Stevan < >  
**Sent:** 2020/11/26 11:36 AM  
**To:** City Clerks Office  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]Get your spending under control instead of raising taxes!!  
**Importance:** High

What is this I hear that you will be raising taxes again by 2.3% next year!!!  
We are all currently struggling financially, and you have decided to add to our burden, especially on those who are pensioned and already struggling financially, by increasing taxes!!  
How about controlling your own spending and finding ways to reducing expenses??  
What about reducing perks, salaries and benefits of the administrators and employees??|Who is overseeing your decision to raise taxes??

Very disappointed and disturbed,

Stevan Krajnjan

Brampton

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**From:** Sukh Multani < >  
**Sent:** 2020/11/26 11:38 AM  
**To:** City Clerks Office  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]City Tax increase

No Tax increase Please , this year at least!! Can't afford!  
Sukhwinder , , Brampton Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Anita Marie Cavanaugh- Valdez < >  
**Sent:** 2020/11/26 11:38 AM  
**To:** City Clerks Office  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]Get your spending under control

What!! Raising taxes!!!!!! While taxpayers have lost their jobs, Brampton's 2021 budget shows the city wants to hire 44 new employees! Employee compensation in Brampton will increase by 3.2 per cent and cost taxpayers an extra \$14 million. Why are bureaucrats getting new jobs and raises when the taxpayers who pay their salaries are struggling?

Our taxes are going up by 2.3% next year, which will mean an extra \$120 in taxes for the average household.

Property taxes are going up by \$10 million next year, and property tax assessments will take another \$5 million out taxpayers' pockets.

A tax hike is the last thing taxpayers need right now. The unemployment rate hit a record high in Peel region at 16 per cent.

Honestly, it's time to start fresh with everyone at city hall ... no one there is for the people  
Cheers  
Anita Marie

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**From:** Rosalind Feldman < >  
**Sent:** 2020/11/26 11:39 AM  
**To:** City Clerks Office  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]Tax hike! Mayor Brown? No can do.

Sorry guys, not this year! Instead of hiking our taxes why not try and get your spending under control? Especially this year with Covid hurting everyone's pocket! And now you want a pay raise and more people on your payroll? Sorry. No can do. We are still paying on our house taxes for a hospital that was only supposed to be on our taxes in a decreasing amount for six years! Why are we still paying it?  
Ros Feldman.

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** tishaaudey tishaaudey <  
**Sent:** 2020/11/26 11:42 AM  
**To:** City Clerks Office  
**Cc:** MayorBrown; Williams, Charmaine - Councillor; Pat Fortini; Bowman, Jeff - Councillor  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]2021 Budget

**I am very disappointed in Brampton City Council. This past year has been one of great distress for all residents. Families losing jobs, businesses forced to close. The community is struggling to survive and yet City Council wants to burden us with higher taxes.**

**Job losses are significant now and yet the City is planning on hiring 44 new employees. We don't need bigger government, we need a Council that is accountable to its residents.**

**Vote now to change the budget to reflect what the community is facing now and in the next year.**

**Sincerely,**

**Pat Enright**

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**From:** Paul Pitman <  
**Sent:** 2020/11/26 11:46 AM  
**To:** City Clerks Office  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]

Do your job. CUT expenses or be thrown out of office !

Paul Pitman

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**From:** Keng Ng <  
**Sent:** 2020/11/26 11:47 AM  
**To:** City Clerks Office  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]

Would appreciate NO TAX INCREASES as we are struggling to make ends meet.

Many Bramptonians would appreciate no increase due to pandemic year. People are losing their jobs and trying to stay afloat.

Thanks,  
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**From:** Brian Burton <  
**Sent:** 2020/11/26 11:47 AM  
**To:** City Clerks Office  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]Tax increase.

This is absolutely ridiculous at this time. Maybe you should be looking for tax savings. Instead of a 3.2% increase for employees and the thought of hiring 40 more why don't you take a look at a temporary 15% decrease for all your workers until this is over. We are afterall in this together or are we. So many people are hurting right now and this is all you can come up with.

Disgusting absolutely Disgusting

Brian Burton

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**From:** Don K Burley <  
**Sent:** 2020/11/26 11:48 AM  
**To:** City Clerks Office  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]

Good morning

I was just advised that you are raising taxes next year for local residents. Perhaps your income should be reduced by the same amount that you are raising taxed. People are unemployed and struggling to make payments because of layoffs with COVID in case you have not heard of it.

I have lived here in Brampton for over 40 years and I think its time to move out of the area. How can you justify raising taxes in a time of such uncertainty for everyone that lives here. I know how-because your income has NOT been affected one cent. As a senior, we are paying more for everything we have to purchase and our set income is slowly drying up.

I urge you to reconsider by cutting some resources instead of raising taxes.

Thank you

Kind Regards,

Don K Burley

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**From:** Iain Lang <  
**Sent:** 2020/11/26 11:48 AM  
**To:** City Clerks Office  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]Property taxes

Get your spending in order and do not raise taxes.

Sent from my iPhone

Iain Lang

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Mukeshkumar Patel <  
**Sent:** 2020/11/26 11:48 AM  
**To:** City Clerks Office  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]Tax increases

It is always nice feeling to blow other  
People money, heck it's free. As long as your paycheck is getting substantially bigger. Life is good your end but what  
about you stepping on peoples life and put cordons in their family. You doing it cause you can, right?😊😊

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Richard Dusk <  
**Sent:** 2020/11/26 11:49 AM  
**To:** City Clerks Office  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]Increase in taxes

ATTN: Patrick Brown

I am writing you to ask that no increase in taxes year takes place next. With the pandemic and other hard ships, we face unlike you and city officials, we are not guaranteed an income.

Sincerely,

Richard Dusk

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**From:** Kathryn Cespite < >  
**Sent:** 2020/11/26 11:52 AM  
**To:** City Clerks Office  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]no tax hike

I have lived in Brampton since 1992 and have watched my property taxes steadily climb over that time. Due to the continued rise in the cost in living and insurance, Brampton is becoming a less and less affordable place to live. Residents cannot take any more!

Please reconsider the planned tax hike for next year.

Thank you for your consideration.

Kathryn Cespite

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**From:** Omkar Prasad <  
**Sent:** 2020/11/26 11:52 AM  
**To:** City Clerks Office  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]Property Tax Increase FY 2021

Hello:

I strongly recommend that you do not increase taxes for FY 2021. Due to the tremendous economic impact on families due to the COVID-19 impact my family and I recommend you instead look at getting spending under control instead of raising taxes.

Best Regards,

*Omkar Prasad*, B.Sc., CSCMP/ CPP, CPM, CPPB

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**From:** Pat Duval < >  
**Sent:** 2020/11/26 11:54 AM  
**To:** City Clerks Office  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]tax no increase please

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Patricia Duval

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**From:** Pat Duval <i>  
**Sent:** 2020/11/26 11:54 AM  
**To:** City Clerks Office  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]tax do not raise at this awful time

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Patricia Duval

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**From:** geoff mccolm <  
**Sent:** 2020/11/26 11:56 AM  
**To:** City Clerks Office  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]Property taxes

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to express my anger at the prospect of Brampton raising my property taxes.

My wife and I have been forced into early retirement due to covid.

While all are struggling financially right now, I find it immoral that you intend to raise taxes.

Please find other ways to meet the budget. This is a growing city with a large commercial base from which to draw funds.

This is preposterous to rob the little guy at this time.

Sincerely,

James McColm

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**From:** Yordan Angelov < >  
**Sent:** 2020/11/26 11:57 AM  
**To:** City Clerks Office  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]More TAXES????

DON'T HIRE A NEW STAFF OF EMPLOYEES.

Lets cut it.... but really cut your spending , be humbled that you have a job.

Help the private sector and do what you can with whatever people you have on staff.

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**From:** Peter Mowlah-Baksh < >  
**Sent:** 2020/11/26 11:59 AM  
**To:** City Clerks Office  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]Increasing taxes

The Office of the City Clerk,

I would just like to voice my concern as a retiree and one off the many who are experiencing financial difficulties at this time. I would like to vehemently say that increasing taxes at this time rather than controlling your spending would not be in the best interest of the many people who reside in the city Brampton. Please reconsider.

Respectfully,

Peter Mowlah-Baksh

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Chris Martin <  
**Sent:** 2020/11/26 12:00 PM  
**To:** City Clerks Office  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]2021 proposed property tax increases

Good day

I am writing to voice my displeasure in accepting any additional tax increases in my city. Single family dwellings are already paying their fair share in taxes while multi family dwellings are costing Brampton millions. Please reconsider your tax structure and charge appropriately. You have the information to determine where these locations are. Make landlords of multi family dwellings equally responsible for their share of the burden. Brampton is drastically over populated where it shouldn't be.

I thank you in advance for your time and hope that you will succeed in finding a viable solution to the problem of a lack of funds.

Kind regards

Chris Martin  
47 year resident of Brampton

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** gurjit proothee < >  
**Sent:** 2020/11/26 12:01 PM  
**To:** City Clerks Office  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]New taxes in 2021 ?

I am a senior citizen and so is my wife. We have been living in Brampton in for over 24 years and have seen things going in favour of the city but never ONE THING went good thing for its residents of Brampton.

I remember the property tax for my house was mere 4/5 thousand a year. And with those taxes pai, we had all kind of facilities which we do'nt have now.

I remember the garbage collection was twice a week. In fall the leaves were sucked by big machines by the curb. All this but still have lower taxes.

But now with paying over 7 thousand dollars property tax and have not those services is the thing of the past.

We swallowed all these bitter pills ( raising taxes etc ) only with the reason that city is doing a GOOD JOB ?

But now we heard that the city is going to force another bitter pill in our throat by raising more PROPERTY TAS next year.

Mind you we are living only the petty Govt. old age pension which is not enough even to buy the necessities of life.

Gurjit and Harjit Proothee

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**From:** jeanniegirl < >  
**Sent:** 2020/11/26 12:03 PM  
**To:** City Clerks Office  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]Tax increase

I would like no tax increase for next year. We all have to watch our budgets individually as well as Corporations, including the City of Brampton.

I am on CPP Disability receiving \$ a month and my husband is 77 therefore receives CPP and OAS. I have called Brampton home since January 1981. I love it here. I have to pay more for auto and home insurance because of my location.

Please reconsider no increase in staff especially if you have to compensate those who are no longer working for you. No wage increase.

Sincerely,

Jeannie Boisvenue

Brampton, ON

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**From:** Joel Baile <  
**Sent:** 2020/11/26 12:04 PM  
**To:** City Clerks Office  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]Opposition on raising property tax.

Hello City Council,  
I am voicing opposition on raising property taxes. Control and decrease your spending. Can't do that during this pandemic while all of us are struggling.

Joel Baile

Brampton, ON

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

Joel Baile

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**From:** Norma Henriksen <  
**Sent:** 2020/11/26 12:05 PM  
**To:** City Clerks Office  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]Stop the tax hike

Canadians are paying too much tax. Due to this pandemic we already suffering to pay bills. What kind of mentality you guys are? Stop the tax hike you should drop it down that's the human thing you can do to all of us.

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**From:** Ryan Dhanraj < >  
**Sent:** 2020/11/26 12:06 PM  
**To:** City Clerks Office  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]Tax Hike 2.3%

We had an economic downturn in 2020 and that results in Brampton getting a tax Hike!?!

I barely got my taxes paid and that's without using any extension. Let alone I was unemployed for most of the year.

Don't let this be another quick fix and the people of Brampton have to endure it.

Concerned Brampton Homeowner

Ryan

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**From:** denis whiteside  
**Sent:** 2020/11/26 12:08 PM  
**To:** City Clerks Office  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]Tax increase

Do not increase taxes. But cut expenses instead.

Sent from my iPad

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**From:** Patricia Quigley  
**Sent:** 2020/11/26 12:12 PM  
**To:** City Clerks Office  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]Get your spending under control,you can't keep asking for more money

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**From:** Pam Soltesz  
**Sent:** 2020/11/26 12:13 PM  
**To:** City Clerks Office  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]Projected Tax Increase in Brampton

As a Brampton tax payer for 45 years, I am now retired. We have a mortgage on our home, which took us a long time to save for, and as pensioners on a fixed income (without benefit of employer pension income for either of us), we CANNOT AFFORD A TAX INCREASE!!! We are living hand-to-mouth as it is right now, and are getting bogged down in debt due to COVID.

You have built out Brampton to the city limits, so increase taxes on those properties instead of those owned by residents who have lived here most of their lives and contributed monetarily and as volunteers in this community. We do not want to sell or be forced to move, but if taxes keep increasing, we will have no choice but to sell our dream home (small as it is) and move elsewhere to start over. Not an easy thing to do when you are approaching 70 years old!!

While I understand you may need to hire more employees as the populations increases, there is no need for pay increases. In fact, those at the top should be taking PAY CUTS at such a time as this. Get more funding from the Province - heaven knows they haven't exactly been handing out money to Brampton as evidenced by our ONE hospital and the out-patient centre masquerading as a 'hospital'.

Please take seniors and young families with children into account when you look at your budget this year. We are bearing the brunt of the taxes here and can't do any more.

Sincerely,

Pam Soltesz

## **Ajitkumar, Richa**

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**From:** Agnes Bond <  
**Sent:** 2020/11/26 12:13 PM  
**To:** City Clerks Office  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]Taxes 8n Brampton

Hello,

I understand the Government wants to raise our taxes.

Please curb the spending instead, as this is a tuff year for alot of people struggling to pay their bills. It seems as though everything from Groceries to hydro bills keep going up but not the salaries.

The Government wages are good in comparison to private sector jobs so you don't feel the pressure like alot of people.

Your consideration at this time would be appreciated by many.

Thank you,

Agnes Isaac  
Brampton, Ontario

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

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**From:** Bob DiMarco <  
**Sent:** 2020/11/26 12:15 PM  
**To:** City Clerks Office  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]Tax Hike

This is unthinkable that the city would raise taxes during this time of high unemployment.

It goes to show that people lose site of the real world once they become politicians.

You should be looking for was to lower taxes during these times. Your constituents just can't afford your flagrant disregard for the reality of the current economic environment.

Please reconsider.

Bob DiMarco

**Ajitkumar, Richa**

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**From:** Mildred Marritt < >  
**Sent:** 2020/11/26 12:15 PM  
**To:** City Clerks Office  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]Taxes

We cannot afford a raise in taxes. Try to curb the spending

M. Marritt

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**From:**  
**Sent:** 2020/11/26 12:19 PM  
**To:** City Clerks Office  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]Tax rise

To Whom It May Concern:

I am pleading for consideration be given to the position many of us have been placed in with the increase of daily living expenses, through no fault of our own. To place an additional burden leading to more stress and depression on myself and the residents of Brampton is not the answer. If there is a problem with the cities budget, cutting services should be considered before raising taxes.

Please take this issue seriously and gave empathy for those less fortunate.

Sincerely, Patricia Campbell

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

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**From:** Don Ireland  
**Sent:** 2020/11/26 12:24 PM  
**To:** City Clerks Office; MayorBrown; Whillans, Doug - Councillor; Palleschi, Michael - Councillor  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]tax hike

We were advised from the Canadian Taxpayers Federation (CTF) that council is proposing a tax hike of 2.3%. Although we realize that costs have increased, we do not believe that residents of Brampton can afford that level of tax hike. CTF advises that while taxpayers have lost their jobs, Brampton's 2021 budget shows the city wants to hire 44 new employees and employee compensation in Brampton will increase by 3.2 per cent and cost taxpayers an extra \$14 million. If this is true, we recommend that it is time that publicly paid workers start belt tightening like the rest of us and the City reduces costs rather than raise taxes. Let's make " we are all in this together" a reality.

Thanks for your service  
Don Ireland  
Brampton, ON

## **Ajitkumar, Richa**

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**From:** Ameer Ispahani  
**Sent:** 2020/11/26 12:26 PM  
**To:** City Clerks Office  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]Tax increase.

I'm surprise to know that through this pandemic you have decided to increase taxes, where do you expect me to find the money from.

This is ridiculous and I hope this decision is resented or I will not forget come election time.

Ameer A Ispahani

Brampton.

## **Ajitkumar, Richa**

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**From:** JR Sreedhar  
**Sent:** 2020/11/26 12:28 PM  
**To:** City Clerks Office  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]Tax Hikes

Please don't raise taxes anymore.  
Instead please control expenses and decrease the pay check given to politicians.  
Politicians are good for nothing.

Thanks

With Regards

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

## Ajitkumar, Richa

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**From:** catherine fagan  
**Sent:** 2020/11/26 12:42 PM  
**To:** City Clerks Office  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]

No to tax increase

Sent from my iPhone

**Ajitkumar, Richa**

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**From:** Barry Walsh  
**Sent:** 2020/11/26 12:47 PM  
**To:** City Clerks Office  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]Another tax increase

Sent from my iPad

I'd like to voice my objection of another tax increase , I'd also like to say if you want to save money why not start at the top, cut back on the city budget, the ordinary residents are being taxed to death, enough,,,,,,

While taxpayers have lost their jobs, Brampton's 2021 budget shows the city wants to hire 44 new employees! Employee compensation in Brampton will increase by 3.2 per cent and cost taxpayers an extra \$14 million. Why are bureaucrats getting new jobs and raises when the taxpayers who pay their salaries are struggling?

Barry Walsh.

**Ajitkumar, Richa**

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**From:** stpetric  
**Sent:** 2020/11/26 12:47 PM  
**To:** City Clerks Office  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]"While taxpayers have lost their jobs, Brampton's 2021 budget shows the city wants to hire 44 new employees! Employee compensation in Brampton will increase by 3.2 per cent and cost taxpayers an extra \$14 million. Why are bureaucrats getting ...

Do you have any justification for this new tax terror and of hiring new employees in the time of crashing economy ?

Sincerely, Steve Petric

Sent from my Galaxy

**Ajitkumar, Richa**

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**From:** JONES  
**Sent:** 2020/11/26 1:04 PM  
**To:** City Clerks Office  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]Property Tax Increase

Hi ... I'm writing to request NO property tax increase. Joining a sort of petition I guess.

Also, can I ask, as a Senior (65+) is there a reduction in property tax?

Cheers,

Phyllis Jones

Brampton, ON

## Ajitkumar, Richa

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**From:** Beatriz Ataides  
**Sent:** 2020/11/26 1:10 PM  
**To:** City Clerks Office  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]Property tax increase

This is a humble request that you review and consider to not increase property tax in Brampton for the 2021 yearly budget. With this crisis and the lost of jobs in our city this increase would make it even harder for us residents to make ends meet. Perhaps the hiring of 44 more city employees at this time should also be reconsidered as this would mean a few more millions in salary expenses

Thank you

Beatriz Ataides

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**From:** KEVIN SELLARS  
**Sent:** 2020/11/26 1:12 PM  
**To:** City Clerks Office  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]Tax hike

Am I hearing this correctly, that you are considering raising our taxes again? Do you all realize that we are in a devastating pandemic and we are all struggling to stay above water. Why don't you try and cut spending instead of wasting our tax dollars. Every day I see the waste that is going on in our city yet you people want to take more and more tax money from all of us taxpayers who are already taxed to death.  
Kevin Sellars

## **Ajitkumar, Richa**

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**From:** Paul Zacca  
**Sent:** 2020/11/26 1:13 PM  
**To:** City Clerks Office  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]Fwd: Why not control spending instead of raising taxes?

A tax hike is the last thing taxpayers need right now. The unemployment rate hit a record high in Peel region at 16 per cent.

While taxpayers have lost their jobs, Brampton's 2021 budget shows the city wants to hire 44 new employees! Employee compensation in Brampton will increase by 3.2 per cent and cost taxpayers an extra \$14 million. Why are bureaucrats getting new jobs and raises when the taxpayers who pay their salaries are struggling?

**Ajitkumar, Richa**

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**From:** Keith Hermack  
**Sent:** 2020/11/26 1:25 PM  
**To:** City Clerks Office; Singh, Harkirat - Councillor; Dhillon, Gurpreet - Councillor  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]Get Spending Under Control

City employees and members of Council (Ward 9/10),

As a concerned citizen of Brampton, my family feels that a tax hike is the last thing taxpayers need right now. The unemployment rate hit a record high in Peel region at 16 per cent.

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Sincerely,  
Keith Hermack

**Ajitkumar, Richa**

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**From:** Annette Forrester  
**Sent:** 2020/11/26 1:40 PM  
**To:** City Clerks Office  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]

We are taxed to death please reconsider raising taxes at these unprecedented times  
Concerned citizen

## Ajitkumar, Richa

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**From:**  
**Sent:** 2020/11/26 1:41 PM  
**To:** City Clerks Office  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]

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City Counsel needs to control their spending not raise taxes for the struggling community.

Joanne Raynsford

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**Ajitkumar, Richa**

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**From:** Renold Lopes  
**Sent:** 2020/11/26 1:45 PM  
**To:** City Clerks Office  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]Brampton Taxes

**Please get their spending under control instead of raising taxes!**

**Regards**

**Renold Lopes**

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**Ajitkumar, Richa**

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**From:** Samuel King  
**Sent:** 2020/11/26 1:46 PM  
**To:** City Clerks Office  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]Re taxes

This another increase on top this year increase what are a retired home owners supposed to do ridiculous control spending

Sent from my iPhone

## Ajitkumar, Richa

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**From:** austin pires  
**Sent:** 2020/11/26 1:47 PM  
**To:** City Clerks Office  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]Raise in Taxes

Please get your spending under control we cannot afford a raise in taxes.

## Ajitkumar, Richa

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**From:** maureen harper <  
**Sent:** 2020/11/26 1:50 PM  
**To:** City Clerks Office  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]Raising of Property Taxes for 2021

Dear Mayor Brown and Council:

I'm writing to express my extreme displeasure that you are proposing to raise property taxes by 2.3% in 2021. That is simply unconscionable in these very difficult economic times due to the COVID 19 pandemic. As you are aware, many people have lost their jobs due to the pandemic.

I understand that Brampton, like many other cities, is struggling economically as a result of the outbreak. But I'm urging Council to become creative and find other ways to deal with this issue. Perhaps some proposed projects could be put on hold. For example, I don't know if Council decided in the end to go forward with the widening of Williams Pkwy, but that is certainly one project that could be put on hold if Council had decided to pursue it. Traffic along Williams Pkwy has been much lighter as a result of the lockdowns and in my view, the road never needed to be widened in the first place.

Another option worth considering and that would show some good faith, is to have Council take a cut in pay. This city has one of the highest salaries for its mayor and council members and also one of the highest property tax rates.

Again, I would urge Council to reconsider raising taxes at this time of extreme economic crises. If my memory serves me correctly, Mayor Brown ran on the promise of not raising property taxes. People will remember this broken promise in the upcoming election if Council decides to raise them.

Sincerely,

Dr. Maureen Harper

**Ajitkumar, Richa**

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**From:** Realestate Investor.  
**Sent:** 2020/11/26 1:58 PM  
**To:** City Clerks Office  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]STOP TAX INCREASE NOW

Hi there,

Why are you guys INCREASING TAXES in BRAMPTON especially during this PANDEMIC.... we didn't vote for TAX INCREASE.

Please Stop this injustice to Bramptonians.

Sent from my iPhone

## Ajitkumar, Richa

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**From:** Ash and Theresa  
**Sent:** 2020/11/26 2:18 PM  
**To:** Keith Hermack  
**Cc:** City Clerks Office; Singh, Harkirat - Councillor; Dhillon, Gurpreet - Councillor  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]Re: Get Spending Under Control

Keith  
Great email. Patrick should get a copy too. Ash

Ash and Theresa D'Silva

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On Nov 26, 2020, at 1:24 PM, Keith Hermack wrote:

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**Ajitkumar, Richa**

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**From:** Richard Lagace  
**Sent:** 2020/11/26 2:19 PM  
**To:** City Clerks Office  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]taxes

curb the expense stop spending on that can wait for untill you get 80%of the  
doing bad expenses so certain people can help put donation in favour box

virus sorted out and stop

**Ajitkumar, Richa**

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**From:** Thottams  
**Sent:** 2020/11/26 2:19 PM  
**To:** City Clerks Office  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]unemployment in Brampton is high; cut taxes don't hike them

As a brampton resident since 2004, I was shocked to hear that during these near depression level economic times there is a proposal to hike taxes.

Stop the tax hikes and consider cutting taxes

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Thottam

<http://www.amazon.com/dp/B006NOC6UY>

## **Ajitkumar, Richa**

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**From:** Teresa Wisniewski  
**Sent:** 2020/11/26 2:21 PM  
**To:** City Clerks Office  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]Property taxes

Brampton councillors.

Stop hiking property taxes- get your spending under control, start working for we the people not for your own pockets.

We do not need more bureaucrats in City of Brampton offices, we need small businesses fully open and support from city to the people not other way around.

Tax payer Teresa Wisniewski

Sent from my iPad

## Ajitkumar, Richa

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**From:** Paul Ring  
**Sent:** 2020/11/26 2:22 PM  
**To:** City Clerks Office  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]Tax increases

I am writing to express my anger over the proposed 2.3% property tax increase.

It is time for city council to demonstrate some degree of fiscal responsibility. It's time to control spending, find the savings, cut back on non-essential services. Tell the mayor to stop renting ice time for his friends. The savings on expenditures is there, you just have to look for it.

Thank you

Paul Ring (One unhappy resident)

## Ajitkumar, Richa

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**From:** helen kerr  
**Sent:** 2020/11/26 2:30 PM  
**To:** City Clerks Office  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]tax increase

To the Brampton mayor and councillors,I am 78 years old and disabled ,I now pay roll no  
. not only that I am supposed to get an exception for my disability ,I live in a semi detached house .  
I have to maintain the blvd grass by my home which is on .I also have to pay to have this pathway  
cleared of snow in the winter.To top this off I have to pay to have all my leaves collected and bagged and I understand  
you are considering upping the costs for the amount of garbage and recycling one puts out .I am also a widow.The  
federal government has or is paying for a study to decide if they should create a tax for when I sell my home which  
presently is exempted as my principal dwelling.what the city and the federal government is doing is killing working  
people with this over taxation .please reduce your salaries or expenses. My water bill was \$ .00 due to the fact the  
region is now charging for overland water . The hydro is now gone up I owe \$ .00 for the summer.Thankfully my gas  
bill has reduced a little but I am still paying \$ .00 per month .Folks just cannot afford to pay any more .The city's  
budget will have to find these cuts somewhere else.Lastly lately Mayor Brown when you phone my house you always  
get cut off from your phone hall calls which I enjoyed and voted my way on the issues you raised. Please stay well you  
and your lovely family and all the councillors families too regards Helen Kerr .My monthly tax bill is \$  
.00 per month.  
Sent from my iPad

**Ajtkumar, Richa**

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**From:**  
**Sent:** 2020/11/26 2:31 PM  
**To:** City Clerks Office  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]No more tax hike!

Good afternoon,

I'm a retired citizen of Brampton I can not afford another tax hike because the world went on a pandemic.

This is not fair and this shouldn't happen to the citizens of a Brampton who been paying their way through the years in this city.

Regards,

Phileta

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Kathy Corado  
**Sent:** 2020/11/26 2:35 PM  
**To:** City Clerks Office  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]Do not raise taxes!!!

Get your spending under control so you don't raise taxes!!!  
People are in debt, out of work, sick!!!  
Do your job properly!!!  
Kathleen Corado

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**From:** CHRISTIAN  
**Sent:** 2020/11/26 2:35 PM  
**To:** City Clerks Office  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]Tax increase

How can you think of a tax increase at this time with so much uncertainty in the job market ,the government is giving away money to anyone and everyone, but what have they done for seniors , a one time gift of 300 .00 dollars, that went a long way didn't it and now you want a 120.00 increase in our taxes .the city must have lots of money when three weeks ago Friday ( a 20 celus day ) the snow plough truck was up and down our street guess, they had to burn fuel . And may I ask what did the city do for the citizens, deferred tax's but increased the end of the year payments which includes the holiday season( still known as Christmas) .  
A senior and a long time citizen of bramalea once a community we were proud to call home .

Sent from my iPad

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**From:** Michael Kukuk  
**Sent:** 2020/11/26 2:41 PM  
**To:** City Clerks Office  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]INCREASING TAXS...WHAT????

Here we are when people are struggling desperately just to say safe, faced with financial woes, and we now have a government bent on increasing taxes! How totally inconsiderate, selfish and lacking in empathy are you? When people are tightening their belts just to sustain their way of life, a responsible government should not be acting if it's a normal day! You as a government, should also be tightening your belts, finding ways to reduce spending, suspending spending entirely on existing projects which we could do without. And, don't use a lame excuse that increased taxes is to help ease the situation. Cancel or cease some projects which are currently in progress. People's existence is far more important!

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**From:** Peter Harris  
**Sent:** 2020/11/26 2:49 PM  
**To:** City Clerks Office  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]Attention mayor Patrick Brown

Stop this insanity, control the overspending immediately, lessen pay across the board!! Trying times requires trying times! Oh here's a wacky idea, get the people that have made a single family dwelling into a hotel and lying on the census reports and increase THEIR taxes accordingly!!! Landlords making off like thieves and the rest of US paying for it!! I THINK NOT PATRICK!! Tighten it up and charge landlords MORE, like the rich paying more! I live in a 1350sq ft home and pay over 4200 yearly for property taxes cuz the lying landlords are getting away with it, my brother lives in Caledon in a house over 2800sq ft and pays much less than I do!!!! That's absolutely insane, tighten it up and quick! Before I have to sell my house to pay for the property taxes CRAZY EH!!! Infrastructure can not be kept on top of when you have houses being rented out literally like a hotel room by room! And not paying what they should be!! TIGHTEN IT UP....NOW!!!

Sincerely  
Concerned citizen of hotel city!!!

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** P PAQUETTE  
**Sent:** 2020/11/26 2:54 PM  
**To:** City Clerks Office  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]

Enough we can not afford more tax's you people need to take a pay cut stop hurting the people that put you in office if you don't like this leave asp you work for us not us for you ..The people of Brampton are over taxed as it is DO NOT RAISE OUR TAXES if we calculate the taxes you get now it will be in the millions work with that you greedy people

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**From:** RACPAN  
**Sent:** 2020/11/26 2:52 PM  
**To:** City Clerks Office  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]Increase Tax

Hello,

People are already struggling. Have you no mercy?

Enrique Racpan

Sent from my iPhone

## Ajitkumar, Richa

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**From:** Mirko Palfi  
**Sent:** 2020/11/26 2:58 PM  
**To:** City Clerks Office  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]Property taxes

Dear Brampton friends, especially Major Patrick Brown.... please consider and be compassionate, we are going through tough times!

Control spending instead of increasing our taxes.

Cut or freeze city employees pay.

Do not increase my tax.

I am getting stretched to the limit.

Please.....

Mirko Palfi

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**From:** Chuck  
**Sent:** 2020/11/26 3:14 PM  
**To:** City Clerks Office  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]Taxes

Time to stop tax increases  
We can't afford you anymore  
Tax bills are higher than mortgages

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**From:** Haroldsteurer  
**Sent:** 2020/11/26 3:37 PM  
**To:** City Clerks Office  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]Taxes

Get your spending under control instead of racing taxes for next year.

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**From:** Nancy McKinnon  
**Sent:** 2020/11/26 3:48 PM  
**To:** City Clerks Office  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]Taxes

The first opportunity I have to leave Brampton, I will. If I have to live on a budget why can't council? We're not bank machines; I'm a senior, and can't afford much already. Get your spending under control!

Nancy McKinnon

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**From:** Sam chattha  
**Sent:** 2020/11/26 3:50 PM  
**To:** City Clerks Office  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]

Raising Taxes

Please be informed that I and my family is against raising taxes as we pay lot more comparing to caledon and mississauga. Brampton taxes must be compatible and I suggest city must bring their expenses under control.

Thanks

Sam

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**From:** Valerie  
**Sent:** 2020/11/26 4:24 PM  
**To:** City Clerks Office  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]Property tax increase

To whom it may concern

To increase property tax during these extremely hard economic times is disgraceful !!

As pensioners on a fixed income with the cost of groceries etc skyrocketing , it is very hard to manage now.

A property tax increase will cause extra hardship to many families and pensioners already struggling from week to week

I urge you to reconsider any tax increases during this pandemic and all it entails

Yours

Mrs Valerie Mouldale

Brampton

Sent from my iPad

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**From:**  
**Sent:** 2020/11/26 5:52 PM  
**To:** City Clerks Office  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]Re: We can't afford any tax hikes !!!!

To Whom It May Concern:

I've been informed that Brampton is raising our property taxes by 2.3%. This is ridiculous. Many people aren't working or have had their hours cut because of this pandemic.

**City councillors need to get their spending under control instead of raising taxes!**

A tax hike is the last thing taxpayers need right now. The unemployment rate hit a record high in Peel region at 16 per cent.

Property taxes are going up by \$10 million next year, and property tax assessments will take another \$5 million out taxpayers' pockets.

While taxpayers have lost their jobs, Brampton's 2021 budget shows the city wants to hire 44 new employees! Employee compensation in Brampton will increase by 3.2 per cent and cost taxpayers an extra \$14 million. Why are bureaucrats getting new jobs and raises when the taxpayers who pay their salaries are struggling?

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Mr. Richard Williams  
Brampton, Ont.

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**From:** Varun  
**Sent:** 2020/11/26 6:10 PM  
**To:** City Clerks Office  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]Proposed property tax hike

To whom it may concern,

I am disgusted by the lack of respect the Brampton city councillors have for the residents of Brampton. We pay so much in taxes and get terrible service in return especially my experience with trying to address issues with the Brampton parking enforcement department with my complaints being ignored, terrible transportation congestion and these speed camera traps that have absolutely nothing to with safety. This greedy mayor Patrick Brown already said it's a great source of income. Is the how the City of Brampton operates, by stealing from the hard working residents of Brampton?

People are struggling with COVID and you wanting to raise property taxes next year to spend more money for no reason is a complete joke. The city should be cutting expenses like everyone else. Myself, a lot of friends and family in Brampton are fed up with the mayor and the city councillors and will remember how we've been treated when it come time to vote.

Varun Jaikaransingh

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**From:** Harbhajan Singh  
**Sent:** 2020/11/26 6:11 PM  
**To:** City Clerks Office  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]taxes

are you people (don cherry) out of your mind, you want to increase taxes and more hire more people ,with less work it should be the other way round and stop hiring family members who load the cars and come to take our tax dollars away and don't do any work and also city employees should doing private banking during their free time and not on my time when I paying them to work for me

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**From:** Ishtiaq Shah  
**Sent:** 2020/11/26 6:45 PM  
**To:** City Clerks Office  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]Budget 2021

Get your spending under control instead of raising taxes

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**From:** Maureen McCartney  
**Sent:** 2020/11/26 7:28 PM  
**To:** City Clerks Office  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]Stop the tax increase

Please do not even consider raising taxes next year . When I see tax dollars spent on the MESS they made at the Conservation area on Conservation Drive this last summer it sickens me . And to think you would raise taxes during COVID is another sickening matter.

Please reconsider  
Maureen McCartney

Have a Joyful Day  
Sent from my iPad

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**From:** Eric Bacon  
**Sent:** 2020/11/26 8:00 PM  
**To:** City Clerks Office  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]Proposed Property tax increase.

Hello,

I wanted to reach out and offer my support for the proposed increase to property taxes in Brampton.

I imagine many people will dislike the increase, given the current economic environment. I am however, aware that the overwhelming number of individuals negatively affected by the pandemic are likely not home owners and not paying property tax, directly. I feel it is our responsibility to help our community. I find myself in the same boat as many others. I have been fortunate to maintain good employment throughout this pandemic and frankly my life has not changed dramatically. It is our social responsibility and the fundamentals of this country that we help EVERYONE in need. I offer my full support for the tax increase as I know myself and many other in the community will certainly benefit from it in the future.

With regard,

A proud Bramptonian, Eric Bacon.

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Mariolina Lumia  
**Sent:** 2020/11/26 9:00 PM  
**To:** City Clerks Office  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]Tax hike

To all City Councillors if Brampton,

I understand that city of Brampton taxes are going up by 2.3% next year, which will mean an extra \$120 in taxes for the average household. I cannot afford any further increases. Brampton's property taxes have increased yearly. Please freeze or decrease our property taxes.

Due to unemployment because is the pandemic and now further shutdowns, employment is because more difficult.

By finding better ways how money is spent. One way is to freeze City Councils pay.

Thank you!  
M. Lumia

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Gerrie Fournier  
**Sent:** 2020/11/26 10:05 PM  
**To:** City Clerks Office  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]Hello CITY CLERK OFFICE

NO I DO NOT ACCEPT, OR AGREE, ON RAISING OUT TAXES IN SUCH A BAD SITUATION, WHERE PEOPLE ARE TRYING TO STAY ALIVE FINANCTULY AND HEALTHY ... THERE IS NO WAY THAT TAXES SHOULD BE INCREASING, GOING TO CITY HALL, ALL KINDS OF PEOPLE WANDERING AROUND WITH NOTHING TO DO,

I APPLIED TO HAVE MY HOUSE TAXES, DEFERRED FOR 3 MONTHS, STARTED IN SEPT,,, AND TO THIS DAY, IT STILL HAS NOT BEEN FINALIZED, ..AND AFTER GETTING ALMOST \$200,00 increase ,,,,

I WAS OFFERED THE OPTION, TO HAVE MY TAXES, DEFERRED, BY THE CITY EMPLOYEE,,, BUT ALL OF A SUDDEN, THINGS CHANGED,,, THEY ALSO CAN NOT PUT MY MONEY BACK,,, IN MY ACCOUNT ????

AND NOW THE CITY WANTS, TO PUT IN A REQUEST TO STOP, THE TAXES, FROM BEING TAKEN OUT,

NO.. NO... THAT,S NOT GOOD ENOUGH AFTER 3 MONTHS ,,WE ARE WANTING TO GO BACK TO SQ,,,ONE...

NO NO NO PUT THE MONEY BACK IN MY BANK ACCOUNT MORE THAN 10 HRS ON THE PH,, ON CONSTANT WAITING ...AND TALKING TO MORE THAN 8 PEOPLE,, ?????

G M FOURNIER



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**From:** AUBREY BACCHUS  
**Sent:** 2020/11/26 11:13 PM  
**To:** City Clerks Office  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]We are seniors

Please do not raise our property taxes .  
You will be driving us out of our home !!  
We are seniors and we are at a steady income .  
Please do the just and right thing .  
Regards  
Sent from my iPhone

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**From:**  
**Sent:** 2020/11/27 3:14 AM  
**To:** City Clerks Office  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]

I am opposed to the tax increase, from Bellini ave to the end of Michelangelo is considered a rural road and it doesn't get immediate attention when there is heavy Snowfall.  
The only service I get garbage collection, there is no maintenance of cutting grass or cleaning the drains I am on Septic, and I am being charged for stormwater. My taxes have risen by 100 percent since 2001. I am a senior and living on my pension, raising my face is not fair.

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**From:** liane simms  
**Sent:** 2020/11/27 6:40 AM  
**To:** City Clerks Office  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]no extra money

To whom it may concern.

You should be ashamed of yourself to impose a raise on taxes . I say no to that.

liane

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**From:** Ali Malik  
**Sent:** 2020/11/27 8:31 AM  
**To:** City Clerks Office  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]Tax increase

Please note my objection over next budget tax increase. In this unprecedented situation we Residents of city of Brampton need tax relief not tax increase.

Ali Malik

BRAMPTON, ON

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

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**From:** Deepi P  
**Sent:** 2020/11/27 10:35 AM  
**To:** City Clerks Office  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]2021 Proposed City Portion Tax Increase

To Whom It May Concern

I am a resident of Brampton and am writing to you today to **kindly request that you do not approve the 2021 proposed increase for the city portion of Brampton's Property Taxes.**

A tax increase is the last thing taxpayers need right now. The unemployment rate hit a record high in Peel Region at 16%. Many families in Brampton are struggling financially due to job loss and negative impacts to their businesses during this time.

Brampton's 2020 Property Tax Rate is extremely high already at 0.95% while neighboring cities like Mississauga (0.78%), Caledon (0.79%), Halton Hills (0.77%) and Vaughan (0.66%) have much lower property tax rates.

Many city services were reduced or paused for an extended period of time and likely will continue to be impacted in 2021. It is my understanding that City staff have proposed that they would like to hire 44 new employees and increase compensation by 3.2%. Compensation packages for individuals employed by the City are already very generous and exceed compensation when compared to similar job roles in the private sector. Also, instead of recruitment – there should be a focus in 2021 to find process efficiencies within departments and utilize current employees to their full potential so that staff are completing **value - added** work that equates to 37.5-40 hours/week for which they are being paid for.

If the City cannot find process and people efficiencies and thus operate with the funds generated from our current tax rate then other strategies should be explored without further burdening homeowners through an increase in property taxes. Example: there should be a greater focus on using land for commercial purposes and attracting large companies to Brampton instead of approving residential subdivision after subdivision. This will bring more jobs to Brampton and also large corporations can afford to pay the higher commercial property tax rates (which is a tax write off for them anyway) and this can hopefully translate to a lower residential tax rate for homeowners.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Deepi Purba

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**From:** Min Ge  
**Sent:** 2020/11/27 10:27 AM  
**To:** City Clerks Office  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]Do not raise any tax

Hi,

I can not afford taxes raised. Please plan well and make sure your spending under control.

Thanks,

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Maria Siderius  
**Sent:** 2020/11/27 1:46 PM  
**To:** City Clerks Office  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]Taxes?

To whom the money will go,

This is outrageous!!! Increasing our taxes??? Who's thoughtful idea was this. Amazing how easy it is when you dont have to struggle with money, but are well off enough to say YES to an increase. This pandemic has ripped apart our world and we the taxpayers are the ones to pick on?? We dont have the luxury of savings, paid off time, luxury car/plane service, free lunches to those who can easily afford their own as they are the ones not being picked down to their last nickel. When can we ever get to say that we feel part of a just system when all we see is our money flowing like lava right into the very pockets that we're supposed to trust. We are not blind and demand the people that actually WORK should be the ones getting paid and the ones being frivolous with their money stop having control over ours and pay their dues first. Please don't raise the taxes as it only supports the greedy ones on top. Let us taxpayers take a breath for a bit during these Covid times. Maybe look at stopping the immigration haul seeing as they get everything free, oh wait right, we're paying that too. Do your job, shut your mouths, and do the honorable thing. NO TO TAX HIKE!!!

Kindly,  
Maria Siderius

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**From:** Richard Stethem  
**Sent:** 2020/11/27 2:08 PM  
**To:** City Clerks Office  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]Property tax

I live in Brampton and the mayor and city council need to get their spending until control. With what has transpired because of Covid 19 , the city coffers are going to be much lower than expected for the next several years. You must control your spending now and going forward. Nice to have's are going to have to be put on the back burner for now and the foreseeable future.

Richard Stethem

Brampton

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**From:** Jessica Liu  
**Sent:** 2020/11/27 2:38 PM  
**To:** City Clerks Office  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]Disagree with raising taxes

Dear city of Brampton

As the tax payers, we are struggling with our living cost. We can't afford raising taxes. Please make the spending under control instead of raising taxes.

Thanks,  
Residents of Brampton

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**From:** sandra strangis  
**Sent:** 2020/11/27 4:27 PM  
**To:** City Clerks Office  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]Tax hike

Are you kidding a tax hike , after what we have been going through. My business is gone . Here's an idea what doesn't mayor brown cancel his driver and save the tax payers some money. You have some bloody nerve ,  
sandra

## **Pacheco, Sonya**

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**From:** Kuldeep Gill  
**Sent:** 2020/11/27 6:28 PM  
**To:** City Clerks Office  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]House Taxes

Dear Sir/Madam,

As every average family struggle hard each day to earn daily living,House Taxes should not be increased .Instead finance control should be balanced in suitable amount to cut extra not needed expenses.

Thanks

Your truly  
Brampton residence.

Sent from my iPhone

## Pacheco, Sonya

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**From:** Glenna German  
**Sent:** 2020/11/28 6:28 AM  
**To:** City Clerks Office  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]Possible tax increase.....

As an 87+ year old resident of Brampton, and having been a home owner here since 1965, I am not happy to hear there might be yet another increase in our property taxes. This is one more rise in a necessity I cannot do without.

I have been totally on my own for 19 years and finding it harder and harder to keep my head above water with the way the cost of living is. THIS IS DEFINITELY NOT THE HAPPY RETIREMENT I HAD LOOKED FORWARD TO. I cannot or at least I'm told I shouldn't take care of most of my needs and now have to hire people (at their cost). I am always trying to look for a senior discount of some sort of a rebate in order to afford them. Recently I had to purchase a new furnace at \$7000 and call a plumber at over \$600 and now am trying to put money away for an air conditioner to purchase next Spring. As a low income senior where would I be if I wasn't so frugal and save "just in case" or live as comfortably as I can, doing without things?

Brampton seniors are very fortunate to have alternative choices to live in, such as long care facilities etc. I am fortunate to have good health and have no family to take me in. If I am FORCED to sell my home because I can no longer afford it I do not know what my alternative would be.

I know there are others in this city who are in the same predicament as I am. Please reconsider and thank you.

Glenna German

## Pacheco, Sonya

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**From:** Lynn Waller  
**Sent:** 2020/11/28 10:55 AM  
**To:** City Clerks Office  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]Tax Increase

Please do not increase our taxes. There are many ways you can reduce your spending before looking to us little hone owners.

Lynn Walker

Sent from my iPhone

## **Pacheco, Sonya**

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**From:** Parminder Purba  
**Sent:** 2020/11/28 2:14 PM  
**To:** City Clerks Office  
**Cc:** Whillans, Doug - Councillor  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]Brampton Property Taxes

To Whom It May Concern

I am a resident of Brampton and am writing to you today to kindly request that you do not approve the 2021 proposed increase for the city portion of Brampton's Property Taxes.

A tax increase is the last thing taxpayers need right now. The unemployment rate hit a record high in Peel Region at 16%. Many families in Brampton are struggling financially due to job loss and negative impacts to their businesses during this time.

Brampton's 2020 Property Tax Rate is extremely high already at 0.95% while neighboring cities like Mississauga (0.78%), Caledon (0.79%), Halton Hills (0.77%) and Vaughan (0.66%) have much lower property tax rates.

Many city services were reduced or paused for an extended period of time and likely will continue to be impacted in 2021. It is my understanding that City staff have proposed that they would like to hire 44 new employees and increase compensation by 3.2%. Compensation packages for individuals employed by the City are already very generous and exceed compensation when compared to similar job roles in the private sector. Also, instead of recruitment – there should be a focus in 2021 to find process efficiencies within departments and utilize current employees to their full potential so that staff are completing value - added work that equates to 37.5-40 hours/week for which they are being paid for.

If the City cannot find process and people efficiencies and thus operate with the funds generated from our current tax rate then other strategies should be explored without further burdening homeowners through an increase in property taxes. Example: there should be a greater focus on using land for commercial purposes and attracting large companies to Brampton instead of approving residential subdivision after subdivision. This will bring more jobs to Brampton and also large corporations can afford to pay the higher commercial property tax rates (which is a tax write off for them anyway) and this can hopefully translate to a lower residential tax rate for homeowners.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Parminder Purba

## **Pacheco, Sonya**

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**From:** Patricia Smith  
**Sent:** 2020/11/28 2:11 PM  
**To:** City Clerks Office  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]Proposed tax hike

I am a resident of Brampton, here is my feedback on a tax increase.

A tax hike is the last thing taxpayers need right now. The unemployment rate hit a record high in Peel region at 16 per cent.

Families are struggling, council should not be hiring extra staff and increasing your payroll costs.

What council should be doing is getting your expenses under control, this is what the private sector has been doing to survive this pandemic.

You should be doing the same.

Patricia Smith

## Pacheco, Sonya

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**From:** Paul Zacca  
**Sent:** 2020/11/28 3:07 PM  
**To:** Brown, Patrick - Mayor; City Clerks Office  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]Fwd: Why not control spending instead of raising taxes?

Hi Major Brown,

I wrote the city clerks office and know I'm just a lowly Brampton resident that has been paying taxes in Brampton for 40 years. But this email is going to 215 of my Brampton contacts.

I have NOT received a reply from the previous email sent so I am adding additional info supplied by VERY qualified friends of mine.

The other Bcc names on this email list - Please check your cities and how much spending has gotten out of control.

Major Brown

Why can't the City rein in their labour costs? Refer to the table below just to get an idea of the exponential growth in labour costs since 2019 (in \$ millions). Also, why is the 2021 budget \$36 million (or approx. 8.8%) more than what is forecasted to 2020?

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| 2019 Budget   | \$413,133 |
| 2019 Actual   | \$407,516 |
| 2020 Budget   | \$428,838 |
| 2020 Forecast | \$406,280 |
| 2021 Budget   | \$442,751 |

City staff is requesting 47 additional Full Time Employees to be hired in 2021, including 15 Transit Operators and 12 in the Buildings Department. Given the status pf COVID, does Brampton Transit need more bus drivers? What about savings from those working in parks and recreation services and city theaters who probably have much less to do now than before as most facilities are closed?

Having said that, we should also recognize that property taxes having going down at least for the part 5 years and in 2020 the City's portion of the budget had a 0% increase from that in 2019.

<https://www.bramptonguardian.com/news-story/9245057-brampton-council-passes-2019-budget-with-freeze-on-city-portion-of-annual-property-tax-levy/>

Property taxes in Brampton are some of the highest in the GTA.

<https://bramptonist.com/opinion-heres-why-property-taxes-in-brampton-are-some-of-the-highest-in-the-gta/>

As for Brampton's unemployment rate, here is some more info (per Region of Peel):

- Peel's overall quarterly average unemployment rate increased from 6.7 per cent in Q3 2019 to 13.4 per cent in Q3 2020, the highest third-quarter unemployment rate recorded in Peel since Peel-specific quarterly data became available in 2003.
- A significant increase was observed in Peel's youth (15 – 24 years) unemployment rate when the rate increased from 17.4 per cent in Q3 2019 to 33.2 per cent in Q3 2020.
- The unemployment rate for adults (25 years and over) also increased from 4.8 per cent in Q3 2019 to 9.4 per cent in Q3 2020.

Per StatsCan, Toronto Census Metro Area's (which Includes Brampton) unemployment rate in October 2020 was 11.5% compared to 5.4% in February, with the highest being 14.7% in July 2020. Brampton usually has a higher unemployment rate than Toronto and Peel. The Consumer Price Index (CPI) rose 0.5% on a year-over-year basis in September, up from a 0.1% increase in August. Excluding gasoline, the CPI rose 1.0% in September, following a 0.6% increase in August.

So Major Brown, I'm asking again, why can't the city rein in labour costs?

Paul Zacca

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**From:** Paul Zacca  
**Sent:** November 26, 2020 1:13 PM  
**To:** [Cityclerksoffice@brampton.ca](mailto:Cityclerksoffice@brampton.ca)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Why not control spending instead of raising taxes?

A tax hike is the last thing taxpayers need right now. The unemployment rate hit a record high in Peel region at 16 per cent.

While taxpayers have lost their jobs, Brampton's 2021 budget shows the city wants to hire 44 new employees!

Employee compensation in Brampton will increase by 3.2 per cent and cost taxpayers an extra \$14 million. Why are bureaucrats getting new jobs and raises when the taxpayers who pay their salaries are struggling?

## **Pacheco, Sonya**

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**From:** Fara Fathy  
**Sent:** 2020/11/28 6:34 PM  
**To:** City Clerks Office  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]

Please don't raise our taxes we are struggling already  
Fara Fathy

Brampton Ontario

## **Pacheco, Sonya**

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**From:** Wei Gao  
**Sent:** 2020/11/28 8:45 PM  
**To:** City Clerks Office  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]Regarding raising taxes!

the downturn economic make us life struggling ,groceries are very expensive than was ,can't afford anymore.  
Please getting city spending under control instead of raising taxes.

## Pacheco, Sonya

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**From:** Dariusz Wielenski  
**Sent:** 2020/11/29 12:33 PM  
**To:** City Clerks Office  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]

Hello

I have lived in brampton for over 10 years and how we live now in times of pandemic was not yet prices for everything went up 100% if not more starting with food and ending with homes we have the highest fees for car insurance there is little work with good wages, now you have to work a whole month to pay for the place where you live and additionally food

I am asking you how to live?

Another increase in taxes will not improve people's lives

on the contrary, you will take the money that is spent on food and monthly fees for low-income families and there are many such families, and you know it well I don't think we choose you to rob us, but to improve life in Canada so I am asking you to reflect and analyze what you want to do raising taxes during an epidemiological crisis will not settle everything remember you live off our taxes thank you very much

Dariusz Wielenski

Sent from my iPhone