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To the Clerk, Township of Wilmot:

We are sure you will be receiving many communications about the following issue – and you should! Like virtually every resident in Wilmot, we are very concerned about the township's financial situation, and especially about the untenable, proposed tax increase of over 50%. We are adamant that council needs to take charge of the municipality they were elected to lead, and to develop a budget with a much more sensible tax rate, as well as a long-term plan to solve the current problems, and insure they do not recur.

We believe that it is incumbent upon the mayor and councillors to make key policy and operational decisions, and that employed staff members are responsible for advising our elected leaders, but not for making policy or decisions. As a decision to hire a new CAO goes forward, we believe it is essential that the role of CAO, and especially its limitations, be more precisely defined, with special attention to the fact that he/she/they reports to council, as the final decision-making entity.

We also support the motion that council has passed to carry out an examination of the decisions of council over the past years, to identify the implications of those decisions on current taxpayers, and to make recommendations for best practices going forward.

Sincerely,

Julie Morris and Paul Knowles, [REDACTED]