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We have been a residents of Wilmot for the past 9-1/2 years, After reviewing our past residence in Toronto and recent reports from Oxford Township and Waterloo, we are concerned about the current financial dilemma of the Township and the reasons why it has arrived at this position, and particularly concerned about the irresponsibly high proposed 50.8% tax increase. I believe Council needs to:

- review the existing budget to reduce expenditures and lower the proposed tax increase;
- look very carefully at how decisions are made and at the advice and information provided by staff, especially the CAO whose job it is to make available all the information required for the Council to make sound decisions;
- ensure the screening process for hiring the CAO is appropriate and clarifies the role of the CAO vis a vis the Mayor and Council;
- hire a municipal finance expert to conduct a complete audit to identify finance protocol concerns and recommend best practices to be implemented to avoid future financial dilemmas.

We ask that the matter be reviewed seriously and the tax increase be comparable to the surrounding areas of less than 20%

Sincerely,  
Paul and Arlene Lange

