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Proposed 50.8% tax increase
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Hello Kaitlin

I am writing to voice my concern and shock regarding the potential 50.8 % tax increase for 2025 based on the proposed budget submitted to Council.

This illustrates a severe case of financial mismanagement over the past number of years that you now expect to be dealt with in one major corrective leap by the current taxpayers of Wilmot Township.

How could so many signs be either missed or ignored? This does not represent good stewardship or management of tax dollars needed, collected and spent on the taxpayers behalf. Our trust in council and staff has been severely damaged.

Both Council and Wilmot Township staff need to accept shared responsibility and get back to working together and finding solutions. We ask that you Prioritize, Prioritize and Prioritize!!! Deferring some "would be nice to do" projects should be seriously considered. In personal lives we make spending decisions based on either current income (cash flow) or taking from savings and if we don't have either, we don't spend.

I do appreciate that we have good people on staff and on council so I implore you to revisit this budget line by line and make some tough decisions.

Thank you, have a Healthy 2025

Bill & Ruth Leeson

