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## Hello:

I am writing to voice my disgust at the proposed tax increase for 2025. Just where do you expect Seniors, living on a very fixed income, to come up with that kind of extra money? Already the Food Banks are cutting back on what they can hand out because they're overwhelmed. Adding this burden will only increase their demand. I am truly sickened by this increase.

It is not our fault that the Township failed to plan appropriately. I think the Township accountants need to look again and if they can't figure out a way out of this mess they should resign. There are other ways to support projects like borrowing or selling off property or goods, raising sponsorship at the facilities and yes, layoffs. We lived through decades of cut backs and everyone got through it. When it comes to people eating or paying taxes, it should be a no brainer. Cut back on programs, lay staff and do whatever you need to do to bring the budget down.

I wondered where the Township & Region were getting the money to fund the new lands they're threatened exploration and now I'm starting to think that the tax increase is a result of the big spend. Just how much of my taxes went into that project.

If your aim was to get seniors to move out of their homes and out of Wilmot. Good Job. You've succeeded. My neighbors are crying because this has pushed them to have to sell their homes. If this tax increase goes through you've done a great job of shoving us out of our beloved homes & neighborhoods.... far away from Wilmot!

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