

From: Emilia Castrillo
Sent: January 25, 2025 7:18 PM
To: INFO <info@townofgrandvalley.ca>
Subject: Re: Proposed Property Tax Increase

Hi there,

In addition to my email below, I'd like my email to be included in the council correspondence listing.

Thank you.

Regards,

Emily

Begin forwarded message:

From: Emilia Castrillo
Date: January 25, 2025 at 6:34:18 PM EST
To: ssoloman@townofgrandvalley.ca, platam@townofgrandvalley.ca
Cc: prentsch@townofgrandvalley.ca, ldart@townofgrandvalley.ca, jjonken@townofgrandvalley.ca
Subject: Proposed Property Tax Increase

Good evening,

I just saw this post in a Facebook group.

"Here is my rant for the day and I'm hoping to get others on board.
The TGV property tax 1st payment is due Feb10, I have yet to receive my tax bill in the mail!

Also, in looking at the agenda on the TGV website regarding a special meeting of Council on Tue Jan28 @ 2:00 to discuss the budget, it currently states an estimated increase of 15.5% !!!! not to mention that the sewer rates are also increased each year, which will be another 5.3% (they are going from \$678 to \$714).

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their costs) but are we really getting any more services from the Town?"

I have lived in Grand Valley since 2018 and every year property taxes keep going up. It is becoming increasingly impossible to pay a mortgage, pay bills, put food on the table and to have such an increase in property taxes. (I will assume we are not alone in this) Moved up here to get a better price on a home, but seems the property taxes keep going up and are now close to almost double than what they are in the city.

How are people going to afford such increases when everything keeps going up, including just the basic necessities.

On top of that many of us work during the day and don't have the ability to attend these meetings during the day.

For myself, I am out of the house extremely early in the morning and don't get home until late in the evening.

Hoping this email will be used in the meeting that is being held as my input.

Regards

Emily.

From: Josephine
Sent: January 25, 2025 7:24 PM
To: INFO <info@townofgrandvalley.ca>
Subject: Proposed Property Tax Increase and Tax Bill New Dates

Please add the email below to the Council Correspondence Listing. Begin forwarded message: From: Josephine Date: January 25, 2025 at 5:21:37 PM EST To: ssoloman@townofgrandvalley.ca, prentsch@townofgrandvalley.ca

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As residents of Grand Valley when were we going to be advised of this proposed increase?

Also am yet to receive my Tax Bill that has to be paid in a couple of weeks.

How can people afford such an increase when PEOPLE are struggling to put food on the table and a roof over their heads with everything being so expensive and prices of necessities keep going up.

Please advise as I am sure there will be more Grand Valley residents reading this post.

Regards,

Grand Valley Resident