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I am rather alarmed to learn that the city proposes raising Property Taxes and other user fees by 3.2%.

I find this decision puzzling and frustrating. We are in the midst of a global pandemic and sadly the Peel region has very high numbers resulting in a number of various stage lockdowns.

These lockdowns aren't just a fun time to stay at home. Businesses are going under and people are losing their jobs. People are finding themselves deep in debt, unable to pay bills, and in some cases having to sell their homes.

Some people are having to use all their savings, sell their cars and even cash in their RSPs just to survive. Others are struggling in rental properties, unable to put food on the table, being harassed by landlords and fearing eviction.

The financial strain of this pandemic is causing far greater damage than at first appears, both to personal finances and the economy.

Mental and physical health issues are challenging at the best of times but for some this past year has cost them everything. A lot of the time parents are carrying this burden trying to protect their children from the serious life changing challenges they are facing.

This virus and the new variants are not going away anytime soon and with the vaccine supply looking ominous we are unlikely to get vaccinated this year.

I would have thought that the City of Mississauga would be more mindful of the issues facing their residents.

Why not put a freeze on city taxes until next year as other cities have done to help residents who are struggling with so much?

A little compassion from those running the city... to those living in the city. We are all in this together

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