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Dear Sir/Madame

I have a major concern regarding the huge Tax increase of 8.74 that is slated for the year 2025. The following are a few of my concerns with having such a large increase to our taxes.

1- Rockland has done a very poor job of repairing the roads in our city and, in the 22 plus years I have lived here as a tax paying citizen and, have seen little or no improvements in the roads. Mainly the main street Laurier which is a disgrace, and the attempts to repair it with the Cities Patch Quilt way of doing repairs makes no sense.

2- Another issue is the lighting that requires repairs and never gets done. There have been lights out in our neighbourhood for months that never got rectified. On another note the taxes we pay now give little to no benefit when it comes to the things the city should be addressing.

3- Things for children to do here in Rockland are very limited. There are no decent places where the young people can access after school even though we have the YMCA which has limited activities and poor access times.

The outdoor skate park is now closed for the season and you think this city would have more to entice the young families to come and live here. Facilities in our town are way below acceptable.

4- With the Deforestation where walking trails used to be we have little or no wooded green space where trails can be had.

I realize that a City has many expenditures it needs to make, but with the city's needs for funds there should also be funds to create things and activities that our residents require and that makes the city a place where people are proud to call Home.

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