



Special Meeting of Council
Addendum

Date: November 25, 2024
Time: 9:30 am
Location: Council Chambers Level 2, City Hall

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7.2 Eric Stern will speak regarding 2025 Budget Review (F-38-24)

7.3 Anne and Dave Marsden will speak regarding 2025 Budget Review (F-38-24)

8. Petitions:

8.1 Petition titled Stop the 7.5% Burlington Property Tax Increase for 2025 regarding the 2025 Budget review (F-38-24)

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Stop the 7.5% Burlington Property Tax Increase for 2025

Started
Petition to

July 4, 2024
City Council of Burlington

 **Petition Closed**

This petition had 1,248 supporters

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Why this petition matters



Started by [Eric Stern](#)

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This petition has been placed on hold. The signatures must be submitted to the city before noon on Friday, November 22, 2024.

This Petition will be submitted to the Mayor and Burlington City Council on November 25th, 2024.

When it comes to Burlington Property Taxes there are two big problems:

1 – The city budget increases and tax increases are high, 15.59% in 2023, 10.21% in 2024, proposed 7.5% for 2025, without the city justifying the increases.

2 – How the city communicates the tax increase understates the actual change!

The proposed increase to the city's budget, from 2024 to 2025, is 8.3%. The proposed increase to the M-Municipal Line on our tax bills is 7.5%. The difference will be made up by new assessments (new homes and condos).

Last year, the increase in the city's budget resulted in a 10.21% increase to the Burlington line on your property tax bill.

Look at this table and see the percentages communicated by the city as "impacts" and the actual tax bill increase. Anyone can confirm the actual tax bill increase by looking at line 1, the M-MUNICIPAL line, on your "FINAL" tax bill compared to the "FINAL" tax bill for the previous year. The final bills arrive in late May or early June. The compounding increases are bewildering.

Time frame	What the city tells us, the impact %	City increase % on the tax bill	Compounding Increase	\$1,000 in Burlington property taxes
2022				\$1,000.00
2022 – 2023	7.08%	15.59%	15.59%	\$1,155.90
2023 – 2024	4.99%	10.21%	27.39%	\$1,273.90
2024 – 2025	4.07%	8.04% (proposed)	37.63%	\$1,376.30

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paid in 2022, you'll pay \$1,376.34 in 2025.

For comparison, the Region of Halton increased the R-Region line, on your final tax bill, by 2.52% in 2023 and 3.05% in 2024. Compounded over two years that's a 5.65% increase compared to Burlington's 27.39% increase over the same two years.

Halton Region is responsible for social housing, garbage collection, public health, paramedics, and other important services. The Ontario government's changes to development charges also affect the Region's budget.

"Our Burlington City Council has a spending problem".

Please sign this petition if you agree that the City of Burlington needs to:

1 - Pause the increases and not increase taxes at all in 2025. The budget has increased by 27.39% over two years and it takes time to put huge increases like this to work in ways that help taxpayers.

2 - Communicate the budget increase and how that increase is being funded by always stating the budget increase amount and percentage, the increase in tax revenue from new housing (assessment), and the M-Municipal line increase percentage.

3 - Share the details of the budget in a way people in the community can understand. Listen to what the community has to say about spending decisions.

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References

To calculate the actual percentage increases year to year compare line 1 of your final tax bills from one year to the next.

Based on tax information from the City of Burlington, Inside Halton reported the 2022-2023 change as an overall Burlington increase of 7.08%, when in fact the City only portion of the increase was 15.59%

Based on tax information from the City of Burlington, Global News reported the 2023-

[Click here and scroll to page 6 to see the 8.04% "2025 Budget Change". Look carefully because the city wants you to beleive this is a 5.25% total tax increase.](#)

The city's multi-year simulation shows another 8.13% increase is planned for next year.

The Multi-Year Simulation forecasts increases as follows:

	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	Average 2025-2029
City Budget Increase	8.90%	8.13%	6.49%	5.94%	5.75%	7.04%
City Share of Overall Impact	4.50%	4.24%	3.49%	3.26%	3.22%	3.74%
Overall Tax Bill Impact	5.49%	5.04%	4.27%	3.87%	3.82%	4.50%

in Burlington property taxes will work out to \$1,775.50 in 2029.

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