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Dear Council,

Enough! No more insane tax increases, do you have any clue how tone deaf this is right now? The Iran conflict leading to oil shortages, grocery prices in Canada facing the highest inflation in the G7, NDP record deficits that will soon lead to economic hardship across the province - and now your "staff" recommendation of an 11%+ tax increase this year as well? How do you sleep at night knowing that you will be adding more misery onto the citizens of this great municipality if you vote for this reckless increase? SHAME ON ALL!

Here's a novel concept - cut wasteful spending on boutique projects like the Victoria-inspired bike lane nonsense that your Victoria imported staff are promoting to justify their salaries and use some of the reserve budget for essentials and reduce the tax increase! Live within your means and spend when times are prosperous. If the citizens here wanted Esquimalt to be Victoria we would move there - but many of us are proud that we are not part of that mess of a City and wish to keep it that way.

Get the increase down, cut unnecessary spending, and think about the context of your actions within the entirety of global economic forces. People are tired and have had enough of never ending massive tax increases with little to show for it. Listen to the people and show taxpayers the respect they deserve - remember, there is only one taxpayer!

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