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Dear Barb – I'm sorry for the delay on this. I had a mad week last week.

Sue-Anne – please let us know if you would like us to send this through another channel.

Dear Mayor and Council,

The Esquimalt Chamber of Commerce would like to recommend that council use extreme caution in the allocation of the property tax burden on businesses at this time. Small businesses in emerging communities like Esquimalt have incurred, in many cases, extreme hardship over the last two year due to the pandemic and the survival of many businesses is still in question. The cost of property taxes is passed directly onto the businesses and in some scenarios come close to matching a business's base rent. To this end, municipal government must think of the long term and consider whether it is in the community's best interests to create an environment that is prohibitive to the ability of businesses to thrive. A healthy business community serves and betters the life of its citizens. Many of Esquimalt's small businesses are locally owned and do much to create the culture and vibrancy that defines Esquimalt's civic identity. Additionally, if Esquimalt aspires to attract new businesses to chose to open here, an increase in property taxes will certainly operate as a deterrent. The Esquimalt Chamber of Commerce strongly recommends that council refrain from increasing the property tax burden on the business community at this time.

Esquimalt Chamber of Commerce.

Suzanne Bradbury

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