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Hello,

I would strongly urge the city to get a handle on lowering taxes or at least smoothing out the rates. My wife and I moved here from Metro Vancouver 4 years ago and the property taxes here are at least 30-40 percent higher here in PG than in the lower mainland, Okanagan, or Fraser Valley. Charging tax payers 7000-8000 a year for newer homes its beyond out of touch. A property with a value of 800,000 to 1,000,000 in almost any other major city in BC would be about 4000-5000 a year including utilities. Here its almost double.

You may dismiss this but its based in fact. We have the second highest property taxes in BC. The professionals that the city is gouging for taxes are a very mobile workforce and these tax rates are driving teachers, nurses, doctors and pharmacists out of our city. These professions are ALL in great shortages here. The current property tax rates are a danger to the functioning of services that many in PG rely on.

Best regards,

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