

**From:** [Sean Kealy](#)  
**To:** [cityclerk](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed budget  
**Date:** Monday, January 25, 2021 8:10:34 PM

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Family's are financially hurting right now ,mostly due to the pandemic.A increase in property taxes equates to a cost of living increase , which for many family's, is an additional stress and burden in a already uncertain time. A sudden increase in the cost of living may financially bankrupt some families, leading to things, such as ,stress related illness, divorce, and chaos and uncertainty for the children in those families.

The majority of the businesses in P.G. are not suffering financially.They have received federal covid funding.Canfor, TC energy, Northland Auto , they have all recorded profit and paid dividends to shareholders . If the city requires more revenue to operate,then residential property owners should not bear the burden of a tax increase alone. Taxes for business should increase also

As a member of city council you have a opportunity that not everyone gets, an opportunity to improve people's lives.If raising taxes solely for residents,-while not addressing taxation on business is the best you can do, then you have wasted your opportunity to improve people's lives.People that are your friends ,neighbours, and fellow citizens.The

Thank you  
Sean Kealy

**From:** [william.ramsay](#)  
**To:** [cityclerk](#)  
**Subject:** upcoming budget deliberations  
**Date:** Monday, January 25, 2021 3:25:47 PM

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I sincerely hope that prior to any budget decisions, the Mayor and council will bear in mind the millions of dollars of taxpayers money needlessly lost through massive project cost overruns caused by someone's gross incompetence. I would appreciate you forwarding this email to the Mayor and council. I look forward to all replies, William Ramsay

**From:** [Mary-Jane Fournier](#)  
**To:** [cityclerk](#)  
**Subject:** City budget 2021  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 26, 2021 10:14:28 PM

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Dear Mr. Mayor and City Council:

Please do not increase the 2021 tax rate. Keep the tax rate as it was for 2020.

Please reduce salaries for upper management, and cut allowable management expenses. For example, travel and meals should be cut completely. These are luxuries that we can not afford at this time.

Each Director should submit a daily report of how their time was spent, and what was accomplished. Each manager of every department must do the same. This should be submitted for review at the weekly council meetings. This will provide a method of measuring the value of that director and the departments they direct.

This will also act to keep council informed of daily activities that taxpayers are paying for, and provide transparency and a method to hold Directors and Managers accountable.

This information should be made available to the public, for they are often the best critics.

Please do not start any new projects.

Please focus on finding ways to cut and reduce spending in all departments.

Mary-Jane Fournier  
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**From:** [Jana Korum](#)  
**To:** [cityclerk](#)  
**Subject:** City Budget 2021  
**Date:** Wednesday, January 27, 2021 8:24:05 AM

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City Clerk,

As the decisions of the Mayor and Council since the last election have created an enormous financial sink hole through capital project cost overruns and the short, medium and long term effects of Covid 19 on revenues and expenditures within the operating budget and the impacts on the citizens that pay the bills are largely unknown. The only prudent course of action is for the Mayor and Council to set a 0% tax increase for 2021.

**From:** [Bob Little](#)  
**To:** [cityclerk](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Public comments  
**Date:** Wednesday, January 27, 2021 9:41:14 AM

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Begin forwarded message:

- > To mayor and council. I want to add my thoughts to the budget process going on. I realize there are enormous challenges facing council during this process- but that's what you signed up for. A tax hike of any kind including increases in utilities charges are not acceptable. Councillors have not been responsible in past budgets regarding tax increases by not implementing proper cost controls and oversight on major projects.
- > The city's pool replacement project is a good example of what is wrong. From the so called survey of pool location , the deception regarding costs ( buying a recently renovated hotel that employed people and paid taxes) (demolition of the hotel) who in their right mind thinks this is a good idea?
- > The Willow Cale bridge fiasco.
- > The Parking garage that the city went forward with because staff wanted covered parking. That the Mayor knew was over budget before he voted for a budget he knew was inadequate. The Mayor and staff that knew about the deceit need to be fired or RESIGN for this deception to council and taxpayers.
- > There are more but that will do for now.
- > Council has never been fiscally responsible to taxpayers, voting year after year for for tax increases above inflation. Here's a novel thought - hold the City to last years budget , no tax increase. Make all departments find internal savings. Cancel all senior management wage and benefit increases( they're over paid ) .
- > Shut down the four seasons pool, why spend money on maintenance when it's going to be shut down and not open anyway. Lay off those workers not actually working ( they qualify for federal support).
- > In summary NO tax or utilities increases, be fiscally responsible with what you have.
- > Bob Little, stressed tax payer.
- >
- > Sent from my iPad

**From:** [charlie.morrell](mailto:charlie.morrell)  
**To:** [cityclerk](#)  
**Subject:** budget comments  
**Date:** Wednesday, January 27, 2021 8:32:42 AM

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Hello,

I'd like to add a comment regarding the tax increase consideration. I do not agree with this. The city just admitted to mismanaging its citizens tax dollars. A rate increase will not go over well.

The city does not take proper care of our roads & will not assist with damage to vehicles due to their own neglect, over spends millions of dollars on a parkade & also somehow loses a large sum of money to fraudsters?! And THEN wants to make us pay more in taxes, during a pandemic, where many people are still just barely scraping by?! Please do not raise taxes.

Citizen of PG  
Charlie D

**From:** [Chris](#)  
**To:** [cityclerk](#)  
**Subject:** 2021 budget  
**Date:** Wednesday, January 27, 2021 8:28:05 AM

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This is a very short submission to the budget debate.

Instead of a 2% tax increase, Mayor and council should do an efficiency audit. We have no idea how efficient or inefficient the work at the city is. How many trades people do we have and are they all working 40 hours a week? If there are 4 of a particular trade but only working 20 hours a week can't we pare down by two?

How many clerks, how many managers with how many employees answering to them. Many of us saw bare roads plowed.

[Brian Skakun](#) posted that he witnessed city equipment and trucks unnecessarily moving snow in the spring. That's a lot of extra money being spent in the snow department. 1.5 mil maybe?

If a proper efficiency audit was done, who knows how much tax money could be saved, 1,2,5% ?

Rather than always raising taxes Mayor and council need to look at ways of saving money with the goal of lowering taxes and still maintaining services.

Cheers  
Chris Purves

**From:** [James Hoyer](#)  
**To:** [cityclerk](#)  
**Subject:** Budget  
**Date:** Wednesday, January 27, 2021 10:26:34 AM

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With the rising cost of living and many people struggling due to COVID related issues, please do not raise the tax rate. I'm sure the money can be found through finding efficiencies with City operations. There is considerable waste with City operations. Idling equipment not doing much burning fuel at the 22<sup>nd</sup> and Ospika spoil yard, unnecessary snow plowing at Exhibition Park were areas that are plowed constantly and haven't seen cars or people for months and parked and idling loaders parked doing nothing at the end of streets while the graders do their work. I'm sure there are many more examples of waste due to a lack of planning and operational oversight.  
Thanks you

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**From:** [thrillianmac@hotmail.com](mailto:thrillianmac@hotmail.com)  
**To:** [cityclerk](#)  
**Subject:** Dear Mr. Mayor and City Council  
**Date:** Wednesday, January 27, 2021 10:34:50 AM

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Please do not increase the City 2021 tax rate. Keep the tax rate as it was for 2020.

Thank you,  
Jillian Uloth  
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Prince George, B.C.

From: [Dorothy Friesen](#)  
To: [cityclerk](#)  
Subject: budget  
Date: Wednesday, January 27, 2021 11:37:17 AM

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I watched the budget discussion on Monday and was quite surprised that only Councillors Ramsay and Sampson appeared to have studied it beforehand. I hope I am wrong.

Comments (in no particular order):

1. Garbage collection - I have suggested cutting back garbage delivery to every second week since we got recycling, and now that we also have glass recycling now is the time to do it? Bears? Come on - people are bothered by bears every year. Changing to every second week will not change that. Start issuing fines to those who don't secure their cans.

2. Pool - how insane is it to keep the pool operating with no chance of reopening this year. 1/2million dollars could be better spent starting the demolition. I know you "promised" to keep it open, but Covid19 happened. Get a grip

3. Capital project overruns - has there been a project in the past 5 years that came in on or under budget?. The picnic shelter, Masich Place, the waterline on Foothills, the park on Foothills, the park next to WDIC, Willowdale, and so on. Why have those responsible not been let go? With this current fiasco, one of those who ought to have known has been promoted to Acting City Manager!!!!!! Insanity. The senior staff must have known about these overruns and did nothing. Get rid of them all.. **Redacted**

**Redacted** let them get rid of the dead wood.

4. Provincial Covid19 money - use it to keep the taxes and fees at the current level. We should already have "rainy day" reserves, so use the money from the province to alleviate our tax/fee burden.

Please make sure to keep the taxpayer in mind during your deliberations.

**Dorothy Friesen**