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Special Council

February 2, 2021

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Name

Thor Olsen

Please provide any further information

With regard to the use of the Legacy Fund, I am not against using the \$5 million as long as there is a commitment of paying back \$1 million plus interest every year for 5 years. Thus payback would be defined as the five year period.

Name

James Allison

Please provide any further information

I think that they should use the money that they have as most of the older people put that money into it as they paid their hydro bill there . and they can keep our taxes lower

Name

Dawn Delaney

Please provide any further information

As a property owner in NC, I do not agree with the proposal to take from the legacy fund to offset a tax increase.

Name

Janet Hartlen

Please provide any further information

Good afternoon,

Firstly a big shout out to Ms. Amy Martin on keeping as transparent as possible on social media about many issues within our county.

Second, borrowing from the legacy fund is ridiculous to be doing right now. WHY are we also investing in a “rainy day fund” when we’re so drastically in debt? If there ever was a rainy day, isn’t it now with a global pandemic? Everyone knows you must pay off some debt before you get to save extra money, and then to use that money for what? Some transparency is needed for what upwards of a million dollars will be used for.

Please vote against borrowing from the legacy fund it will only harm us taxpayers in the long run!

In haste,
Janet Hartlen

Name

Christine Harrop

Please provide any further information

Budget 2021

I support using the levy to reduce taxes from the projected 12% increase. Concerned without tax savings this would be an extra burden for residents dealing with the impact of covid 19.

Interesting enough senior management makes proposals to the council for cost saving. Has council considered looking at cutting senior and middle management positions as Norfolk county seems to be top management heavy with many managers belonging to the Sunshine List. This should be looked at as I understand there have been many staff positions being cut within Norfolk County.

Less staff should mean less management.

Respectively request a response if that has been addressed and considered.

Name

Laura Bonnett

Please provide any further information

I'm in favour of using the Legacy Fund , to avoid another increase in our taxes , which we can't afford. Year after year our taxes have increased. We just got to the point we don't know where the money is coming from. We are retired , our input over the course of our (and other tax payers) working lives is why we have this fund. Yes, Covid put a strain on everyone. The taxpayers of this county are barely feeding themselves. So many people are out of work and struggling. Use the Legacy Fund. To do anything else is cruelty to people who's lives and livelihoods have been affected by the pandemic.

Name

Matt Vosburgh

Please provide any further information

I feel that a tax increase of 7.7 per cent in one year is not sustainable for many family throughout Norfolk County. Furthermore, having an increase of 7.7 percent in the midst of a pandemic could be seen as cruel by some families. In my opinion, the use of the Legacy Fund to keep the tax increase at a more reasonable level is a good use of the money, particularly if it will be repaid.

I am also concerned that if a 7.7 percent tax increase were applied this year and the County requires additional increases in years to come then some families will have to start choosing between paying their bills and putting their kids in sports or other activities.

Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

From: dean rainey < >
Sent: Monday, February 1, 2021 1:16 PM
To: NC Clerks
Subject: Against Using Legacy Fund

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To whom it may concern,

It was a mistake to sell an income generating asset like Norfolk Power.

Please don't repeat that mistake or worsen it by tapping into the legacy fund.

We don't expect Norfolk's financial issues to be solved in one budget, and there are too many negatives attached to using that fund for this purpose.

Yours truly,
Dean Rainey

From: Dennis Michael Travale < >
Sent: Monday, February 1, 2021 1:00 PM
To: Kim Huffman; Michael Columbus; Ian Rabbitts; Amy Martin; Tom Masschaele; Ryan Taylor; Kristal Chopp; Chris Van Paassen
Cc: NC Clerks; Simcoe Reformer4; Port Dover Maple Leaf; MyFM Radio
Subject: "Borrowing" From the Legacy Fund

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Please see attached.

No reply is necessary unless you wish to *publicly* clarify something I may have misinterpreted, misstated or misunderstood.

Dennis Travale

“Borrowing” from the Legacy Fund as I understand it:

This Council wants to “borrow” **\$5 MILLION** in 2021 and a further **\$2.5 MILLION** in 2022 (their last year in office) to artificially reduce the Levy impact.

This Council will **NOT** make a single repayment on this “borrowing”.

This Council raised taxes on the **PROPERTY OWNERS** of Norfolk to the extent that they have put **\$1 MILLION** into a “discretionary” fund in **BOTH YEAR 1 AND YEAR 2 AND** have a **SUBSTANTIAL SURPLUS**.

This Council will also receive a repayment of **\$3.5 MILLION IN CASH** coming from the purchase of lands for the HUB concept. ***Where did the cash originally come from?***

The **NEXT Council** will be required (mandated by **this Council**) to start the repayment at 3.75% over 10 years.

The **NEXT Council** will have to deal with the repayment **AS WELL AS** all the other “borrowing” (debt), usual business issues and emergencies that develop during the period of the Council.

Borrow and Kick it Down the Road.

Criticize previous Councils.

Establish a “Heavy” surplus at the expense of the taxpayer.

Continue to receive multiple Grants from provincial and federal governments for infrastructure and COVID.

Stick \$ Millions in a fund with NO programs or projects – “DISCRETIONARY”

How to make yourselves look good for the 2022 election.

From: Pat S <>
Sent: Monday, February 1, 2021 1:56 PM
To: NC Clerks
Subject: Role of Norfolk County Council

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Please ensure that this is forwarded to all councillors

Dear Mayor Chopp and Council members,
Re: use of the Legacy Fund to reduce property taxes

Since my initial email sent last Friday, several more considerations have occurred to me that need your attention.

As a grandmother, I have watched, even enabled by my apathy, over the past number of years as Norfolk County Council has exhausted its annual budget, raided the savings account aka reserves and now is proposing to borrow from our very small RRSP aka the Legacy Fund. I don't question the motives of these past decisions or cry over spilled milk. It is what it is.

Repayment of our RRSP aka Legacy Fund is proposed to come from future savings and unknown revenue increases which may be the equivalent to winning the lottery, a fairy godmother or an productive orchard of money trees. None can predict what the future holds.

Norfolk County which I love dearly has a very large geographic area and low population which increases the costs of all the valuable services provided by a county staff that I respect and to whom I give my thanks. Norfolk County Council for years has had a hard time meeting residents' expectations while maintaining a budget based on property tax revenue. That is not going to change. In fact, the challenges will increase. Every resident has to accept that any additional service requests or any increasing cost of providing such service must demonstrate how the property tax budget will pay for it and look for additional options. That is what my household budget has had to do.

It is not the role of Norfolk County Council to pay part of my total property tax bill; by borrowing from our RRSP aka the Legacy Fund to artificially reduce the tax rate.

I, like Norfolk County Council members, am very aware and empathise that for a number of residents the financial stress is serious and this has been an especially difficult year. I know what it is like - wearing a donated coat smelling of mothballs, holes in my shoes when my children had outgrown theirs, fusarium destroying our wheat crop, 15% mortgage rate, etc. Each resident's situation needs to be assessed individually by those who are able to knowledgeably advise of any available options of

support by all levels of government and any alternatives. **This is not the role of Norfolk County Council.**

A county-wide artificial tax rate today created by raiding our RRSP aka Legacy Fund actually helps no one and severely penalizes the future for all.

This trial by budget today is really a very positive reality check on our ability to cope with what lies ahead in the future. Every decade has had its financial challenges and are simply part of life, hopefully no repeats of Covid.

I love Norfolk County but realize that we don't live in Shangri-la. We have bills to pay as nothing is free.

Respectfully,

Patricia Spencer

Simcoe ON

On Jan 31, 2021, at 9:14 PM, James Macgowan < > wrote:

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I have lived in Waterford for over 65 years & have been paying property tax for 43 years, retired for 13 years.

Previous councils depleted the reserve fund & had very low tax increases that got us in this mess. I feel the Legacy fund should be used as a last resort. Tax increases need to follow expenditures in the range of 6-8 percent. Having another low tax increase only causes problems in the future.

James Macgowan

From: Bob Welsh < >

Sent: Monday, February 1, 2021 2:51 PM

To: Michael Columbus; Chris Van Paassen; Tom Masschaele; Ian Rabbitts; Ryan Taylor; Amy Martin; Kim Huffman; Kristal Chopp; NC Clerks

Subject: Levy Supported Budget 2021.

Mayor and Council:

Our family, now in its 5th generation as Long Point residents dates back to the early 1930s. The topic of tax increases has become frequent and emotional due to increases totally disproportionate to today's inflation level. Another possible tax increase of 7.7% on top of the 8% in 2020 is not only unconscionable, but in this Covid-19 era, when employment is unstable and income levels are diminished, it cannot be allowed to happen. I therefore I sincerely request and highly recommend that Council balance the 2021 Budget by borrowing whatever funds it can from the Legacy Fund.

Sincerely:

Robert Welsh

From: Jeff Simpson < >
Sent: Monday, February 1, 2021 2:45 PM
To: NC Clerks
Subject: Legacy fund - 2021 budget

Hello,
My name is Jeff Simpson and we live on #3 Highway in Simcoe, in Ward 6.

I am against borrowing from the Legacy Fund at this time.

I believe it sets a horrible precedent for future councils and let's face it, there is no guarantee that it will be paid back as current arrangements can always be changed.

Thanks

Jeff Simpson

From: Jim Klassen < >
Sent: Monday, February 1, 2021 2:58 PM
To: NC Clerks
Subject: Legacy Fund

Although I do not want higher taxes, I am not in favour of borrowing from the Legacy fund without some kind of guarantee that it will be repaid with favorable interest until it is repaid in full.

This would also mean, once in place, it can not be changed by future councils.

Jim Klassen

From: Wayne < >
Sent: Monday, February 1, 2021 2:58 PM
To: NC Clerks
Subject: Budget

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I would like to take a moment to comment on the proposed Norfolk County Budget. We are in the midst of a pandemic, now is not the time to cut services or try to save money. Norfolk has a very good credit rating and interest rates are very low. If ever there was a time to borrow it is now. Leave the legacy fund alone.

W. Wayne King

From: Helene Larochelle < >
Sent: Monday, February 1, 2021 3:13 PM
To: NC Clerks
Subject: On the subject of borrowing from the legacy fund

Norfolk County Council and staff,

I am writing to you to express our support for the public position taken by Ward 6 councillor Amy Martin (<https://www.facebook.com/147371869464140/posts/767112840823370/>) where she has stated that she has reviewed the pros and cons of taking the actions in question and has decided she does not support borrowing from the county legacy fund for the purpose of artificially reducing taxes.

Her position is well thought out and highlights both sides of the issue but as she has stated, the potential consequences of borrowing from the fund and the possibility of it opening the door to future councils doing the same, far outweighs the (extremely) short term benefits that may be gained by doing so.

We do not like the idea of significant tax increases, but knowing the financial situation of the county, we also understand it is necessary to address the issues at hand and to do it sooner rather than later.

Our household is in total agreement with councillor Amy Martin and her position on this specific issue.

Regards,
Helene Larochelle & Michael Nimchuk
Residents & business owners, Port Dover

From: catherinema < >

Sent: Monday, February 1, 2021 3:24 PM

To: NC Clerks

Subject: please do not raid the legacy fund!

As a Norfolk County homeowner and taxpayer, I wish to register my preference that you do NOT borrow money from the legacy fund to lower our tax increase for this year. Please don't steal from the future to fund the present!

Catherine Wiebe

From: Brad Miller < >
Sent: Monday, February 1, 2021 4:11 PM
To: NC Clerks
Subject: Legacy Fund

Please leave the Legacy fund intact. It was never meant to be used to reduce taxes. That's what happened with the last surplus the county had, and look what happened. It's too easy to go down that road, and set a precedent for years to come.

Brad Miller
Simcoe

From: Janet Hartlen < >
Sent: Monday, February 1, 2021 4:14 PM
To: NC Clerks
Subject: Budget

Good afternoon,

Firstly a big shout out to Ms. Amy Martin on keeping as transparent as possible on social media about many issues within our county.

Second, borrowing from the legacy fund is ridiculous to be doing right now. WHY are we also investing in a "rainy day fund" when we're so drastically in debt? Everyone knows you must pay off some debt before you get to save extra money, and then to use that money for what? Some transparency is needed for what upwards of a million dollars will be used for.

Please vote against borrowing from the legacy fund it will only harm us taxpayers in the long run!

In haste,
Janet Hartlen

From: Helen Eubank < >
Sent: Monday, February 1, 2021 4:28 PM
To: NC Clerks
Subject: Legacy Fund

I am strongly opposed to borrowing any monies from the Legacy Fund. Instead I hope a majority of Council will vote to find more economies for the current budget and also look elsewhere to borrow money.

Let's keep the Legacy Fund for what it was intended and not start chipping away at it, once started who knows what future Councils will do.

Helen Eubank
Port Dover

From: Peter Ziegler < >
Sent: Monday, February 1, 2021 4:44 PM
To: NC Clerks
Cc: Amy Martin
Subject: Legacy fund

I object to dipping into this fund based on the information I have been reading.

Peter Ziegler
Port Dover, ON

From: Chad Barclay < >
Sent: Monday, February 1, 2021 6:19 PM
To: NC Clerks
Subject: Legacy Fund

Please do not use the legacy fund as a way to keep taxes lower. Borrowing from it should be done based on how the fund was meant to be used. Using interest only. What's the sense in making rules and future and present councils can just amend them as they see fit.

Raise taxes as required. If people don't want to pay for the services we have, said services will need to be cut or reassessed. It's plain and simple.

Thank you,

Chad Barclay
Port Dover

From: Rob Clark < >
Sent: Monday, February 1, 2021 6:22 PM
To: Kristal Chopp
Cc: Tom Masschaele; Michael Columbus; Chris Van Paassen; Ian Rabbitts; Ryan Taylor; Amy Martin; Kim Huffman; NC Clerks
Subject: To Borrow or not to Borrow form the Legacy Fund - my thoughts

To the Mayor, Councilors and Clerks Office,

I believe borrowing and spending money to artificially keep the Tax levy low and hope that future councils will repay it to the Legacy Fund is an awfully bad idea. That is the kind of practice that got Norfolk in this financial mess to begin with. I watched some of the budget meetings and to Staff's credit I thought they did a reasonable job in finding options in areas that savings could be realized without impacting service drastically. Sadly, some of the discussions that ensued over cost saving options indicated to me that the wards were reluctant to move on these issues and that people still want the services but do not want tax increases. You cannot have it both ways! Transfer stations, sidewalks, bylaw officers and museums to name a few should not take precedence over such things as ambulance and paramedics service during a pandemic. I commend the Mayor and councilors' decision to forgo the salary increase for this year and now it's time for the Citizens of Norfolk to do the same in accepting the Levy increase of approximately 9% versus 3% conditional on the loan. Norfolk elected this municipal government to reduce/eliminate red tape and correct Norfolk's dismal financial situation. We are in better shape halfway through this Council's term than when we started so I am urging you to stick to your election platform and not plunge Norfolk into more debt by borrowing from the fund. It is an unpopular position to take but for the long term good of this great County, it is the right decision!

Regards

Rob Clark

February 1, 2021

To Mayor Chopp, Councillor Amy Martin, Councillors and County Clerk:

We are writing to offer some thoughts regarding the use of the Legacy Fund to aid in providing property tax relief for 2021 in Norfolk County.

Understanding that there is a difference between assessed value and market value, an assessed value of \$240,000 for a property in the Port Dover area seems unrealistic to use as an example. Property taxes would likely rise significantly for most properties in and around Port Dover.

If there would ever be a valid time to use a portion of the Legacy Fund to help reduce property taxes (after already having a quite significant increase for 2020), it would be during the current global pandemic. The term "Legacy Fund" indicates that there is hope for the future, when physical, psychological and financial recovery are underway.

Finally, we trust that our mayor and council are a team of "creative, energetic and innovative" members who are working for the good of our county and its residents.

Thank you for all the work you are doing.

Sincerely,

Jonda Pieratt
Mary Margaret Dandeneau

From: Jayne < >
Sent: Monday, February 1, 2021 6:39 PM
To: NC Clerks
Cc: Amy Martin
Subject: Borrowing from the Legacy Fund - Opinion

Hello,

I'm sending this email pursuant to Norfolk County Council request for the public's opinion on borrowing from the Legacy Fund to offset the tax levy this year and next year.

The Legacy Fund was not put in place to artificially lower taxes and is certainly not an appropriate use of the these funds. This fund is not a sustainable funding source; will reduce the County's credit rating; proposes borrowing from the principal in 2022; and has no repayment plan during this Council's tenure. I'm fully aware of the difficult budget decisions Council has to make due to the pandemic, however, utilizing the Legacy Fund for this purpose should not be an option.

Thank you,
Jayne Ryder
Ward 6

From: Katherine Blair < >
Sent: Monday, February 1, 2021 6:41 PM
To: NC Clerks
Subject: tax increase

To Whom it May Concern:

I am a cottage owner at Long Point. I am NOT in favour of a tax increase of 7%.
With everything going on right now a tax increase is definitely not the way to go.
Reduce services and use the legacy!!
We do not need weekly garbage pick up at Long Point – Nor do we need portable toilets
at the beach entrances.
We already have very few services and a huge tax increase is NOT acceptable.

Katherine Blair

Long Point.

From: Rachel Shore Johnston < >
Sent: Monday, February 1, 2021 6:58 PM
To: NC Clerks
Subject: Legacy fund

To whom it may concern,

I am emailing you to advise myself and my husband's position on borrowing from the legacy fund as follows: we are not in agreement and do not want to borrow from the legacy fund.

Please confirm your receipt of this email - should you have any further questions, please email me at this address.

Best regards,

Rachel Shore-Johnston
Scott Johnston

Waterford, ON

From: Allison Tario < >
Sent: Monday, February 1, 2021 7:34 PM
To: NC Clerks
Cc: Amy Martin
Subject: Input re: Legacy Fund

Hello,

I am writing to express my concern as a taxpayer of Norfolk County at the consideration for withdrawing from the Legacy Fund to artificially keep taxes low this year.

As a frontline health care worker in this community, I can fully appreciate the strain that the COVID-19 pandemic has placed on every resource our communities have to offer. This includes health resources, small businesses, county-funded programs and services, childcare, transport, farming, tourism... there is not a single layer of our daily lives that is not in some way impacted by this unprecedented challenge. On top of all of this is the pressure that every taxpayer in Norfolk County is facing from a financial perspective, especially during a year in which income has been lost, challenged or uncertain. Given this climate, I can completely understand the pressure this Council and Norfolk County staff are facing to keep any necessary tax increase low this year. However, I have significant concerns that borrowing from the Legacy Fund is not and should not be the way to do it.

From my understanding, this proposed option includes a \$5M loan to be used in 2021, and a \$2.5M loan to be used in 2022, at which time it will start to draw from the principal amount of the fund. Starting in 2023, the loan will go into repayment with 3.7% interest.

My concerns about this approach are summarized here:

1. This feels like it's literally passing the buck, and unfortunately it only passes it to our future selves, the taxpayers of 2023 onwards. I have little faith that, starting in 2023, we can find additional savings that will help keep taxes low while also paying back this loan in the future. I anticipate that, while tax rates will appear to have only small increases in 2021 and 2022, the impact of this decision will echo for years down the road, far long after this Council has turned over. Taxes in the long run will be higher overall than they would be by biting the bullet this year. Future Councils will be citing the "decisions of past Councils" for putting Norfolk County in its dire financial position, but they will be referring to the group sitting around this year's (virtual) Council table. This feels hypocritical to everything this Council and Mayor were elected on: making difficult decisions that are sustainable.
2. What is to keep future Councils from changing this plan come repayment time? The Legacy Fund sounds to me like one of the only good things Norfolk has going for it financially, which keeps our credit rating strong. If we start to chip away at it now, what's to stop future Councils from drawing on it for the same or other non-"legacy" purposes and depleting it until we have nothing left? I am concerned that, just like this Council would plan to withdraw from the principal,

which is not in the terms of this fund, future Councils will change repayment terms, cancel repayment altogether, etc until we have no more option.

3. The financial impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic will not magically end in 2021. Many people have lost or had their livelihoods significantly threatened, and that impact will be felt for years. One or two years of artificially keeping taxes low will not make 2023 any easier when the taxpayer is now on the hook for this short-term solution. We (not just in Norfolk but all of Ontario and all of Canada) will be paying for the supports and services that were created in 2020/2021 for decades to come; our children's children will be paying for the COVID pandemic response at the provincial and federal levels. I support these government initiatives in every way and think they were a necessary safety net that literally saved lives; however, two years of bite-sized tax increases will not blunt the long-term financial hit that this decision will make on our future taxpayer.

I urge every Councillor to think about the "legacy" you truly want to set for this community. I don't believe anyone was elected thinking they would have to navigate a global pandemic, and I don't think anyone was elected thinking they would be considering borrowing against ourselves in this way. However, here we all are living through the same storm but in different boats. A bigger tax increase this year is much more palatable than knowing we've set ourselves up for more financial strain in the future.

Thank you for all of your hard work on this budget. I can't imagine how difficult these decisions are and continue to be and know that you are all doing your best work with the well-being of Norfolk County and its people at heart. I was not raised in Norfolk County but moved here to work for a longstanding community business that has seen incredible strain and hardship this year, but if we know anything about Norfolk it's that its people are resilient. My fiancé and I are both young professionals who chose to settle in Port Dover and are proud to call Norfolk home. If we want to continue to attract young families, small businesses and the next generation to put down roots here, we need to create a sound financial footing. Borrowing from the Legacy Fund is not the way to do that.

Thank you and stay well,

Allison Tario
Pharmacist

From: Emily Landon <>
Sent: Monday, February 1, 2021 7:41 PM
To: NC Clerks
Subject: Legacy Fund

Hi there,

I am writing to ask you not to use the legacy fund to temporarily lower our taxes.

We pay \$500+ a month in property tax right now. That is astronomical, but have we made it fit in our family budget. Lowering tax amount for a year would feel nice, but the financial increase that would be required later, in order to pay back the borrowing, would throw off our family's budget immensely. In the end we will ultimately suffer. It is not worth it.

The province is already lowering hydro, child care, and other house hold expenses to alleviate the burden of COVID-19 ... all of which, the tax payers, will have to pay back at a later date. I kindly ask you to not add legacy fund repayment to that long list.

Thank you,
Emily Landon

Port Dover

From: Lee Johnson < >
Sent: Monday, February 1, 2021 8:05 PM
To: NC Clerks
Subject: Legacy Fund

In regards to borrowing from the legacy fund - my opinion, don't do it.

That said, if taxpayers are expected to swallow any increase over 4%, let alone a possible 8.8 or more tax increase, especially during these unprecedented times when finances are limited for many, then I can only imagine expectations will run just as high by taxpayers wanting to know that our investments in upgrading and maintaining our properties to enhance our neighborhoods are recognized within the County.

Nothing says ouch ! why pay an 8.8 increase to live in this County to

- A. Find out "after the fact" there was no water in the fire hydrant when needed because we have a water issue. (transparency)
- B. That although "big city" development is a foregone conclusion and accepted by the community, that it is not going to dictate loss of character within our towns with high rise buildings being erected in our very backyards and losses of County owned streets as the masses flee from the metropolis with developers set on changing the quaintness of our small towns.
(Small town quaintness - The whole reason some invested here)
- C. That abandoned housing, especially within our downtowns and suburbs that attracts vagrancy (therefore a fire hazard) and encourages raccoons and other vermin (as a public health risk) and an eyesore, be attended to in a timely manner and not sit for 5 years after hydro and water is shut off.
- D. That those farmers struggling to make an honest living, voicing concerns for their homes to be rid of the overwhelming aromas while battling the illegal grow-op fallout from properties bought up beside them.
- E. That those taxpayers living on the far reaches of our County can expect the same resources to "remain available" to them (even if limited hrs) as those living in the larger communities (such as transfer stations etc) without feeling neglected with the probable outcome of excess waste littering their properties out of frustration and that future considerations be given to the County "as a whole" for community projects being easily accessible (such as a proposed and scrapped sports hub not centrally located and now tying up much needed funds).
- F. That taxpayers can feel an expectation of comfort to walk the downtown streets of Delhi and Simcoe to support struggling businesses that are closing or moving because of Covid restrictions, or Meth Clinics next door (perhaps those clinics should be located on hospital property to discourage loitering from the hardships that have fallen on those people inflicted) and that those wandering the streets aimlessly with lower to no incomes be afforded the counselling and policing needed to deter the outright presence of drug sales and unwanted behaviour as they contribute little to nothing monetarily to

that very 8.8 tax increase.

G. That the the Depts. in which Council oversee, forge forward for the betterment for those taxpayers enduring such an increase - as the lists of shortfalls goes on and on.

Except for those business minded taxpayers that truly understand how a Legacy fund benefits a community, with all the cuts in projects and activities, without a reassurance from Council that issues will be dealt with, an 8.8% or more increase for basic simple taxpayer expectations may prove easier for a taxpayer to say - "go ahead, pull from the legacy fund as we may not stay invested in this County long term anyways". It is not an easy pill to swallow when you look around at the bigger picture.

Regards
Lee Johnson

From: Ron Wilkovesky < >
Sent: Monday, February 1, 2021 8:40 PM
To: NC Clerks
Cc: Chris Van Paassen; Amy Martin
Subject: Norfolk's Legacy Fund

Hi,

We'd like to urge council NOT to borrow from the Legacy Fund and consider other options.

We are a new young family that joined the Norfolk community just over 2 years ago, on a large property just outside Port Ryerse. We love it here and look forward to bringing up our son in this town, along with investing our time and money here for years to come. We're in our 30's and moved here from the Burlington area. I'm also a small business owner and an avid outdoor enthusiast. We feel like we're the demographic Norfolk County should consider when making these decisions.

With the basic outlined information we have received, we feel the County should keep the legacy fund money where it is and consider other options; even if other options don't work out in time and it means the full tax rate increase. We understand this legacy fund continues to accrue interest the County can use without dipping into the principal, and using this principal to temporarily lower tax rates seems like a quick fix which we'll all be paying for in the future, especially those of us that look to be here for years to come.

Thank you for your time in reviewing our position and we look forward to being more involved as homeowners in Norfolk County moving forward.

Regards,

Ron and Ashley Wilkovesky

From: Dave Pond < >

Sent: Monday, February 1, 2021 9:39 PM

To: NC Clerks

Cc: Chris Van Paassen; Amy Martin; Michael Columbus; Tom Masschaele; Ian Rabbits; Kim Huffman; Kristal Chopp

Subject: Legacy Fund

Watching the headings in the news it is clear you have been working incredibly hard to work through our budget to keep our tax increases reasonable.

Thanks you for working to get Norfolk's financial situation on track. Not an easy job. It is appreciated.

Ian Rabbits commented that he feels like he has been left holding 'an empty bag'. Borrowing from the Legacy fund simply makes the situation worse and in fact will further paint Norfolk into a corner next year. PLEASE DON'T BORROW FROM THIS FUND. Either increase our taxes to what is needed to support Norfolk or look for other efficiencies.

Thank-you for the opportunity to have an opinion on this important issue.

Dave Pond

Co-Founder, Executive VP Business Development | **Edge Imaging**

From: Rose Gass < >
Sent: Tuesday, February 2, 2021 2:27 AM
To: NC Clerks
Subject: Legacy fund

Hi

I do not support drawing money from the legacy fund. Where is the money from the HUB land purchase?

Rose Gass

Sent from my iPad