

I AM WRITING THIS LETTER ABOUT THE MDS BUDGET AS A CONCERNED CITIZEN THERE ARE 23 DIFFERENT SEGMENTS OF THE BUDGET INFLATION IN CANADA FOR 2008 WAS ON AVERAGE 2.2 PER CENT WHY WAS THE AVERAGE INCREASE IN SPENDING FOR THE MUNICIPALITY 13.2 PER CENT THAT'S 11 PER CENT HIGHER THAN INFLATION DOES NOT SEEM REASONABLE TO ME AS A TAXPAYER MARILYN JOHNSTON IS A GREAT PERSON BUT IT IS A SMALL MINORITY OF PEOPLE IN THE MUNICIPALITY USING REC SERVICES IF YOU LOOK AT THE REC SEGMENT ACTUAL SPENT IN 2008 09 WAS 175,647.00 BUDGET FOR 2009 10 IS 215,517.00 AN INCREASE OF 39,870.00 DOLLARS OVER ACTUAL OR 28 PER CENT INCREASE I FIND THIS INCREDIBLE ON MY LAST YEAR ON COUNCIL I COMPLAINED THIS SEGMENT TO GET IN LINE AS THEY HAD SEVERAL YEARS OF LARGE INCREASES UNDER THE SEGMENT COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT THEY HAVE EARMARKED 1 MILLION DOLLARS TO CONSTRUCT A NEW SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT FOR THE INDUSTRIAL PARK ALL OF COUNCIL TO GO ALONG WITH ARE INCOMPETENT AND NEGLIGENT THE CAO AND MYSELF WORKED OUT SERVING ALL OF SANDY FOR AN EIGHTH INSTEAD OF A THIRD WHICH WOULD HAVE MEANT BORROWING A MILLION INSTEAD OF 2.3 MILLION THE 300 OR MORE USER IN SANDY POINT COULD HAVE FINANCED THIS FOR 300 DOLLARS I PROPOSED TO ELIMINATE THE EXISTING PLANT AND PUT IT IN THE NEW ONE TO BE LOCATED AT THE SOUTHERN END OF THE INDUSTRIAL PLANT AT PRESENT THERE IS 74,000.00 COLLECTED IN SEWAGE FEES FOR THE EXISTING PLANT FROM USER FEES THIS COMBINED WITH REVENUE FROM SANDY POINT WOULD COVER THE COST OF THIS THE SHORT TERM JOBS CREATED BY INSTALLING A SEWAGE SYSTEM IN SANDY POINT WOULD BE GREAT EXTRA JOBS MONEY FOR LOCAL CONTRACTORS VAUGHN MUNROE IS ALWAYS WRITING COMPLAINING OF THE TAX RATE THERE IS ONLY ONE TO REDUCE THE TAX RATE INCREASE THE TAX BASE A SEWER SYSTEM WOULD OPEN SANDY POINT UP FOR I THINK HUGE RESIDENTIAL GROWTH AS WELL AS COMMERCIAL I OWN A WATER FRONT LOT 330 FEET FRONTAGE AT PRESENT ITS 1 LOT WITH SEWAGE ITS 3 LOTS OR 5 OUR FORMER CAO PUT THE WORST CASE FORWARD FOR SEWAGE RATE THE RATE YOU COULD HAVE MAKES NO SENSE TO ME FOR COUNCIL NOT TO PROCEED WITH A SEWER SYSTEM FOR ALL OF SANDY POINT COUNCIL NOT THINKING LONG TERM OR ABOUT DEVELOPMENT WHICH WOULD REDUCE THE TAX RATE MY FATHER HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH THE OPERATION OF THE TWO BUSINESSES I OWN MY COUNCILLOR WAS QUOTED AS SAYING THIS WAS A GOOD BUDGET A BUDGET 11 PERCENT HIGHER THAN INFLATION IS GOOD IT WAS A GOOD THING HIS FATHER STAYED RUNNING THEIR FAMILY BUSINESS OR WE WOULD HAVE ANOTHER BANKRUPT BUSINESS COUNCILLOR TAYLOR WANTED TO INCREASE THE COMMERCIAL RATE AND REDUCE THE RESIDENTIAL RATE MORE WISE REAL WISE OUR LOW COMMERCIAL RATE IS PROBABLY ONLY THING KEEPING BUSINESS HERE I HAVE NOT FINGERS AND TOES TO COUNT THE NUMBER OF TIMES RON WALLETT CALLED ME AS COUNCILLOR CUSSING WE HAD BETTER NOT INCREASE THE TAX RATE OR HE WOULD MOVE VENEZUELA TO TRURO TO DECREASE TRUCKING COST THE LOWER TAX RATE HELPS OFFSET THE TRUCKING COSTS COUNCILLOR TAYLOR WANTS TO REMEMBER OUR COMMERCIAL BASE IS THE LOWEST IN THE PROVINCE AND WE CANNOT AFFORD TO HAVE ANY BUSINESS MOVE OUT WHAT A JOKE REDUCING TAXES 2 CENTS A 100,000.00 ASSESSMENT AND YOU WILL SAVE 20.00 DOLLARS LAUGHABLE ISNT IT BUT 2 CENTS COSTS THE MUNICIPALITY 60,000.00 IN LOST REVENUE WHILE I WAS ON COUNCIL WE REDUCE THE RATE 16 CENTS THE OTHER COUNCILLORS ON WITH ME WHO UNDERSTOOD BUDGETS SAID LIKE ME IT WAS THE BIGGEST MISTAKE WE EVER MADE WE SHOULD HAVE KEPT IT AT 1.40 AND BUILT UP RESERVES SO IF A BUSINESS OPPURTUNITY AROSE WE WOULD HAVE THE CASH IN RESERVE TO FINANCE THINGS YARMOUTH GOT THE CALL CENTER BY FINANCING THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE BUILDING THERE IS TALK OF OUR OWN RDA IF COUNCILL DOES NOT COME UP WITH SUGGESTIONS FOR OUR OWN IT WOULD BE NO MORE EFFECTIVE THAN SWSDA OR WILLING TO PUT UP FRONT MONEY UP TO ENCOURAGE A BUSINESS TO COME HERE

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