

Councillor Request for Information

Included on Agenda

(Submitted to Municipal Clerk's Office
by Noon Thursday)

✓ Added Item

(Submitted to Municipal Clerk's Office
by Noon Monday)

Date of Council Meeting: March 8, 2005

Subject: Tax system overall

Request:

I request that the above item be added to the agenda for Regional Council.

Reason:

This year's budget process has clearly shown problems with the existing method for raising tax revenue. The public has indicated it feels that the assessment driven taxation system does not result in equality within tax rates.

I would like staff to begin the process of surveying other municipalities in North America to determine what other options for raising revenue could be considered by council. This should include fixed tax amounts based on a given window of property values, taxation directly based on services received, and non-property related taxation.

I request that staff consider options for raising of municipal revenue that would and would not be permitted under the current Municipal Government Act.

If a final report cannot be provided by September 2005, I ask that an interim report be provided at that time.

I would like this response as:

- Email to Mayor and/or Councillor/Municipal Clerk's Office
- Memo to Mayor and/or Councillor/Municipal Clerk's Office
- Information Report to Community Council Regional Council
- Recommendation Report to Community Council Regional Council

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