

## **Election Insight #4**



### **Are You Prepared to Vote?**

Have you done your homework to determine who you want to vote for?

With the cost of everything increasing significantly every day, who you vote for will determine how much of a tax increase you will see next year.

We have seen some candidates talk about spending even more when the rest of us are trying to limit our spending. More residents are being forced to use food banks and find alternative housing arrangements.

These candidates have lost touch with Cobourg residents.

Be careful how you vote because you will have to live with your choices for the next four years. That is if you survive next year's tax increase.

For more, read the article below "Let's Talk About Tax Increases".

**Vote wisely!**



## Let's Talk About Tax Increases

One of the first major work items for the new Council will be to review and approve the 2023 budget and property tax levy.

We should all be worried about what tax increases are coming and yet some candidates continue to talk about hiring more people and spending more on programs such as the Community Improvement Program (CIP).

Read more about it here:

[Let's Talk About Tax Increases](#)



## **Where is the Accountability and Transparency?**

Council is responsible for approving the spending of taxpayer dollars.

We do not always know if the money was appropriately spent for the purpose intended. Too many times, Councillors bring forward motions to allocate money for projects that we never hear about again.

What can be done?

Read more about it here:

[Where is the Accountability and Transparency?](#)



## **Think Rather Than Spend!**

Some candidates believe spending more will get them elected. They try to entice voters with their expensive campaign promises that they will fulfil once elected. Spending more is the easy way (we think of it as lazy) that requires no thinking.

Ask candidates to explain how they will do better.

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# Help Us To Be Heard

Get involved! If you like what you see and have like-minded friends or neighbours, please share this email with at least two of your contacts. Together we can make sure that residents are well informed about the Town issues that affect us all. Help make Cobourg a better place to live, work and play.



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Cobourg ON K9A 2C5



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Thank You!

