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Notice To Tax Payer

Subject: 2010 Budget and Tax Schedule

I bring you greetings from Council as we embark upon a new year and a new decade. I hope the holiday season has been an enjoyable time with family and friends. It is these occasions when we spend time with family and friends that make us all realize what the important things in life really are.

The past year, 2009, began with a difficult task for Council. If you recall from our notice to tax payers in 2009, we were faced with a structural deficit that required Council's immediate attention. Hard decisions had to be made and adequate fiscal measures adopted to meet the challenge of delivering reasonable services in a cost efficient manner. We had to increase our residential property mill rate from 11.5 mills to 13 mills as well as examine our operational processes to find efficiencies wherever possible. Through the efforts of **all our workers** we achieved our goal.

2009 also ushered in new faces on Council as the result of Municipal elections in the fall. The new Council is committed to continue the fiscal responsibilities expected by citizens and required under the Municipalities Act, 1999. We have reviewed our financial situation and are pleased to say that the mill rate will **decrease in 2010** from 13 mills to 11 mills on residential property. This decrease puts us below the amount we had to increase last year. 2009 also brought new staff to our offices with the hiring of Ben Noseworthy and Joe Donkers. They have shown dedication, professionalism and a keen awareness to be responsive to Council and citizens while providing service and leadership.

2010 will present challenges both new and old, however, we believe our teams will meet these challenges and seek solutions that will benefit all concerned. We look forward to serving you in 2010 and encourage one and all to provide your views, ideas, concerns and comments. Become involved with the community and the community will become a better place as a result. Attached you will find a copy of our Tax & Fee Schedule for 2010.

Please feel free to contact the office or Council if you have any queries on this or any other matter. Thank you in advance for your attention and understanding.

Yours faithfully,

Mayor Gary Gosine

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