

**From:** Victoria Mayor and Council  
**Sent:** February 23, 2023 8:59 AM  
**To:** Legislative Services email  
**Subject:** Fw: Do you know what I think?

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**From:** Bree C [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** February 22, 2023 6:44 PM  
**To:** Victoria Mayor and Council <mayorandcouncil@victoria.ca>  
**Subject:** Re: Do you know what I think?

Police budget is the most important for the well-being of the city and residents on this island actually. The city at present is a crime infested mess daily and is completely unsafe for anyone. It is an embarrassment for tourists. So stop thinking about your own self and wants and do the right thing.

On Feb 22, 2023, at 1:46 PM, Victoria Mayor and Council <[mayorandcouncil@victoria.ca](mailto:mayorandcouncil@victoria.ca)> wrote:

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Sincerely,

[REDACTED]  
Correspondence Coordinator  
Mayor's Office  
City of Victoria  
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**Sent:** February 19, 2023 1:44 PM  
**To:** Victoria Mayor and Council <[mayorandcouncil@victoria.ca](mailto:mayorandcouncil@victoria.ca)>  
**Subject:** Do you know what I think?

When you tell the chief of police to return with a lower budget amount ...you disrespect and show absolutely no care for the well being of every Victoria police officer and their loved ones. No matter what you may think.

They put their uniform on and go to work to take care of us putting their lives at risk. You have no feeling towards the officers shot recently at the Bank of Montreal. No you don't!

Everyone knows the crime constantly daily and the wrong walking down city streets. It's evident and we going to avoid it.

I am ashamed of this city I was born and raised in. Not long ago, it was nice to go downtown. Not now. Due to Helps inviting everyone including the worst not yet locked up to come and live in our parks free for her own agenda. She is the one I blame for the dirty crime infested city we have. All of you are no better than her right now.

The police require their budget they have figured out to protect this city properly so this city doesn't become any worse.

Get compassion for others instead of yourself losers. You are disappointing.

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**From:** Cheryl Scramstad/CAN [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** February 22, 2023 4:55 PM  
**To:** Public Hearings  
**Cc:** Darlene Hollstein/CAN  
**Subject:** Feedback regarding proposed City of Victoria parking rate increase  
**Attachments:** 4810\_001.pdf

Please find attached a letter regarding a proposed increase of downtown Victoria parking rates from Darlene Hollstein, General Manager of the Bay Centre.

Best regards,

**Cheryl Scramstad**  
Property Administrator, Bay Centre  
Asset Services Canada

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February 22, 2023

City of Victoria  
Legislative Services Department  
#1 Centennial Square  
Victoria, BC V8W 1P6  
Attention: Mayor Marianne Alto and City of Victoria Council

RE: Feedback regarding the proposed increase of downtown Victoria parking rates

Mayor Alto and City of Victoria Council,

I am writing to provide feedback regarding the proposed increase to downtown Victoria parking rates. I believe the timing isn't suitable for such an increase, as it would create yet another barrier to entry in what is already a very tumultuous time for downtown businesses.

Please hold off on an increase for now and revisit this once downtown has successfully addressed the current wave of challenges involving vagrants and disenfranchised in the downtown area.

From my perspective, downtown businesses and property owners already have enough factors working against customers visiting downtown and I strongly urge we don't add another disincentive. Instead, I would respectfully recommend identification of budget items that are "nice to have" and trim costs there before increasing parking rates.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input into this process.

Yours truly,

TBC Nominee Inc. by its agent and manager Cushman & Wakefield Asset Services ULC



Darlene J. Hollstein  
General Manager  
The Bay Centre



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**From:** Victoria Mayor and Council  
**Sent:** February 23, 2023 8:58 AM  
**To:** Legislative Services email  
**Subject:** Fw: Raising Parking rates.

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**From:** Dennis Jones [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** February 22, 2023 6:22 PM  
**To:** Victoria Mayor and Council <mayorandcouncil@victoria.ca>  
**Subject:** Re: Raising Parking rates.

Pretty soon it won't matter. Many downtown businesses will close completely or at the very least leave the downtown core. This destruction will continue and once it gets to a certain point will never reverse. The power of the police has been eroded to the point that most of the officers I have spoken with are completely disenheartened trying to do their jobs. When will mayor and council remove their heads from their butts and see what is really happening and how ineffective their "woke" decisions have businesses and citizens unprotected and in fear in the city where I was born and which I love.

Keep dumping money into cleaning up after people who refuse to do anything to help themselves and lead destructive lives. There are models that work. However this mayor and most of council are too busy patting their own backs about how politically correct they are. Mayor Alto should resign and never be allowed to hold public office.

Disgusted Victorian,  
Dennis Jones  
207 / 1090 Johnson St.  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** Dennis Jones [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** February 20, 2023 6:42 PM  
**To:** Victoria Mayor and Council <[mayorandcouncil@victoria.ca](mailto:mayorandcouncil@victoria.ca)>  
**Cc:** Pat Hannah [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Raising Parking rates.

To the Dictator Mayor and council,

Kick em while they are down. Downtown Business already hurting with broken windows, insurance rates and homeless drug addicts causing shoppers a great reluctance to venture into town. So, let's raise parking rates and really kill every chance of the survival of downtown business. Mayor MaryAnn following in Mayor Helps footsteps. Apparently original thought no longer exists in the mayor and most of council. Anyone against this group gets censured by Robert's rules and the vote of the sheep councillors. You will eventually reach your goal of destroying downtown Victoria. Hopefully the karma you are earning will be eternally painful.

Thank You Again for ruining My city.  
Dennis Jones,  
207,1090 Johnson St.

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**From:** stan bartlett [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** February 23, 2023 8:02 AM  
**To:** Victoria Mayor and Council  
**Cc:** Legislative Services email  
**Subject:** What matters most

## Lower tax rates proposed in Lower Mainland

While many B.C. municipalities may see higher-than-average property tax increases this year, there are several municipalities in the Lower Mainland proposing tax rate increases of six percent or less.

**Coquitlam** is considering a 5.48 per cent property tax increase mostly because of added police costs.

**Richmond's** proposed budget includes a 5.89 per cent property tax increase.

**West Vancouver, the City of North Vancouver and the District of North Vancouver** face higher-than-usual tax increases, but West Van is the highest of the three at 6.07 per cent.

What are they doing differently than municipalities in the Capital Region which are proposing much higher hikes in property taxes?

**Stan Bartlett, Vice Chair**  
[Grumpy Taxpayer\\$ of Greater Victoria](#)

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## Becky Roder

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**From:** Terry Reba [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** February 22, 2023 10:16 PM  
**To:** Victoria Mayor and Council <mayorandcouncil@victoria.ca>  
**Subject:** 2023 Budget

Perhaps the four younger councillors can grasp the fact that the taxpayers have had enough annual tax increases. The bike lane fiasco hopefully over. Forget a new pool. Forget 14 Public Washrooms \$ 750k each. Work within the current budget! Can you do that? The last City Council were a laughing stock throughout Canada, known as the Circus. There is no need to replace those fiscally irresponsible clowns including probably the worst \$ wasting Mayor in Canada and working outside of their elected boundaries. Middle housing project should go to referendum as there is far too much incompetency amongst you. Yes, you Irresponsible ones know who you are. Adam Stirling says it all every day! Pissed off taxpayer.

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**From:** Victoria Mayor and Council  
**Sent:** February 23, 2023 9:18 AM  
**To:** Legislative Services email  
**Subject:** Fw: parking

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**From:** Andrew Godon [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** February 23, 2023 9:15 AM  
**To:** Victoria Mayor and Council <mayorandcouncil@victoria.ca>  
**Subject:** parking

Dear Mayor and Council,  
I fully support the initiative to raise parking fees to avoid a larger increase to property taxes.

Thank you  
Andrew