

March 19, 2020

Mayor van den Broek and Council City of Langley via email

Dear Mayor and Council,

As the voice of over 1,000 businesses in the Langley's we are asking you to reconsider your significant increase to the Industrial/Commercial Property Tax proposed in your 2020 Budget.

The increase will have impacts on all sectors of our community, from manufacturing to retail and all size of businesses from small mom and pop retail to large commercial entities. Many of these businesses have also taken on the recent burden of the Employer Health Tax, increases to payroll taxes federally, increased minimum wage and increases to the general cost of doing business.

Covid 19 is forcing businesses to close, companies are being forced to lay off employees, and the huge impacts to the hospitality and tourism industry. It is our opinion that now is not the time to add to the burden.

Thank you for your consideration.

Regards,

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