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Submission: We live in a beautiful part of the world, and my family would not live anywhere else. It is a vast area with lots of open space and parks and roads. I attended the HCC Windsor Consultation session about this increase in rates and came away thinking that we really need to make this investment in our area. The rate increase will improve roads, parks and facilities at the rate of progress we need. The option of going backward is not a viable option for our population. If we do not invest more, via an increase in rates and sensible financial management, we will remain the poor cousin of our neighbouring Councils. I really resent that this positive opportunity to improve our area has become a political plaything for a section of Hawkesbury City Council and the large acreage property owners. This is about the majority, not a noisy minority. In short, I always resent paying more for goods and services and it will be a financial struggle, but I understand the reasoning behind the SRV request and support it. I want improvements! Please note that I do not wish my name to be published on the website as there are some people in the area who have become quite unhinged about this issue.