

Time to say no to higher taxes

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To the editor:

Re: Local tax hike too high, Rick Roberts letter, March 21.

I totally agree with Rick Roberts.

I moved from Toronto over 30 years ago to Durham Region, first five years in Oshawa and the last 25 here in Whitby.

I have learned three very expensive lessons I can count on happening each and every year:

1. Our taxes will increase and so will the wages of our elected and unelected officials.
2. Elected and unelected officials will be rewarded and not disciplined for making colossal errors in planning and finance i.e., over-budget items such as new Regional parking building, out-of-country costly money-wasting trips attended by many, including a few officials that were not returned to office, Clarington incinerator fiasco, etc.
3. We will continue to fund the unelected position and staff of the Regional chairman plus add more permanent staff to Town and Regional offices.

Just when is it that we will stop rewarding failure?

I really don't know what has to be done here, perhaps I can't see the "forest for the trees." But when most of us were growing up we were taught tough love. Sometimes you just have to say no.

I don't think those in charge of taking money from the hardworking taxpayers in our town and region are on the same page as we are and never will be.

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