

Local - Councillor seeks premier's aid in tax tiff

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Councillor Margaret McCarthy is asking the premier to intervene in Flamborough's tax battle.

The suburban councillor sent a letter this week to Dalton McGuinty and local MPP Ted McMeekin.

"I feel it necessary to ask you to intervene on my community's behalf to arrange a more equitable tax rate for Flamborough," McCarthy wrote. "My community since amalgamation has been faced with the highest tax increases and now this latest vote is seen as high-handed and unfair."

Hamilton council voted 8-7 last week to share \$4 million in slot revenue instead of keeping it in Flamborough. That will mean increases of up to 9.8 per cent in parts of Flamborough. The rest of Hamilton is facing an average increase of 3.7 per cent.

McCarthy is holding a community meeting May 7 to discuss the tax hike. The meeting is at 7 p.m. at the North Wentworth Arena on Highway 5 West.

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