

**From:** Frederick Woo

**Sent:** Thursday, October 31, 2024 4:25 PM

**To:** Clerks Public <clerkspublic@markham.ca>

**Subject:** Fwd: Frederick Woo's FINAL written deputation for Council public meeting on November 4, 2024 @ 7:00pm about Mayor budget and 3.88% property tax increase in 2025

Dear Sirs

Clerks Public, Markham :

Good afternoon.

Please be advised that I have just received an email to me from your Rajeeth of Oct 31, 2024 at 3:44pm advising that my attached FINAL written deputation referred to should be sent to your office for follow up, though it has been emailed to your Iyana on Oct 30, 2024 as attached.

Accordingly, I am submitting for your perusal my said FINAL written deputation. Please note that the written deputation should enclose the attached emails between Mr. Joseph Silva, Markham Treasurer and me.

Rajeeth : Thanks for your said email.

Best regards,  
Frederick Woo

Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Frederick Woo <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** October 30, 2024 at 9:28:49 PM EDT

**To:** notifications <[notifications@markham.ca](mailto:notifications@markham.ca)>

**Cc:** Mayor Scarpitti <[MayorScarpitti@markham.ca](mailto:MayorScarpitti@markham.ca)>, [rmcalpine@markham.ca](mailto:rmcalpine@markham.ca), [krea@markham.ca](mailto:krea@markham.ca), Joseph Silva <[jsilva@markham.ca](mailto:jsilva@markham.ca)>, Laura Gold <[lgold@markham.ca](mailto:lgold@markham.ca)>, Rajeeth Arulanantham <[RArulanantham@markham.ca](mailto:RArulanantham@markham.ca)>, [REDACTED]

**Subject:** Fwd: Frederick Woo's written deputation for Council public meeting on November 4, 2024 @ 7:00pm about City budget and 3.99% property tax increase in 2025

Re. My FINAL written deputation for Council public meeting on No. 4, 2024

Dear Iyana

Notifications Officer :

Re. my attached email to you of Oct 30, 2024 at 11:48am on my expanded written deputation for the said meeting.

As I have in this afternoon Oct 30 at 12:30pm picked up Councillor Ritch Lau in his radio talk additional information on City 3.88% tax increase for 2025, it is necessary to further expand my written deputation that is now FINAL as follows.

Please circulate my FINAL deputation to Council members et al, enclosing the attached emails between Mr. Joseph Silva, Markham Treasurer and me.

Best regards,  
Frederick Woo

Sent from my iPad

Re. Frederick Woo's FINAL written deputation for Council public meeting on Nov. 4, 2024 @ 7:00pm about City budget and 3.88% property tax increase in 2025

Mr. Chairman  
Mayor Scarpitti :

Good evening and thanks for having me.

My name is Frederick Woo.

It is a deep regret that I being on the City list of notifications for years have not been notified of last Oct 28 Council special meeting if it is PUBLIC and tonight (Nov 4) public meeting,

Thanks to the Mayor announcement thru radio on last Oct 29 about the 3.88% property tax increase in 2025. And to Councillor Ritch Lau additional information on the tax increase vide his radio talk on Oct 30, 2024 at 12:30pm.

Thanks to Councillor McAlpine and Councillor Rea prompt reply email to me of last Oct 29, upon hearing the Mayor announcement on the 3.88% tax increase on last Oct 29, advising tonight public meeting,

1. City budget and tax increase in 2025 :

Please find attached the emails between Mr. Joseph Silva, Treasurer of Markham, and me about the \$136M annual budget shortfall in 2023 that was not addressed in City budget in 2024 according to Mr. Silva.

Understood from Mr. Silva email that the 136M shortfall is attributable to Bill 23.

Please advise if the \$136M has been addressed in City budget in 2025.

If negative, please advise when it may be addressed referencing Bill 23.

If Bill 23 is not modified to mitigate City budget and tax and to address the \$136M, among other issues, would the final 2025 property tax increase be way over the 3.88% or future years tax increases be significantly impacted.

Councillor Lau in his radio talk apparently advised the 3.88% tax increase in 2025 was City's portion. Should this be the case, would 2025 tax for York Region and School Board invite property tax increase say beyond 3.88% tax increase in 2025.

Councillor Lau apparently suggested there might be annual deficit for 2024. Would this impact property tax increase for 2024, 2025 etc. ?

2. Infrastructure improvements on healthcare, schools, senior care, transportation etc. :

From the Mayor announcement in the radio talk on the 3.88% tax increase in 2025, sustainable infrastructure improvements to align with future developments and population growth were touched. In fact, the Mayor announcement echoes Federal Government recent announcement to cut

immigration for the next three years to address healthcare, housing et al. Understood that efforts of all levels of government are necessary. Please advise on the road map for the infrastructure improvements.

From : Frederick Woo  
Oct 30, 2024 at 9:15pm

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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Frederick Woo  
**Date:** March 18, 2024 at 2:04:47 PM EDT  
**To:** Joseph Silva <[jsilva@markham.ca](mailto:jsilva@markham.ca)>  
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**Subject:** Fwd: Frederick Woo written deputation for Council public meeting on Feb 15, 2024 @ 7:00pm about City 2024 budget

Re. Potential City financial shortfall for  
2023, 2024

Dear Silva :

Thanks for your attached email to me of Mar 18, 2024 @ 12:23pm that is very clear.

The \$5.7 shortfall for 2024 was, per my attached email, provided by a resident who attended the last Feb 15 Council public meeting as mentioned in my attached email to you. Doesn't matter as it is higher than the \$5.27M shortfall for 2024 cited in your email. I am pleased that the 2.99% tax increase for 2024 has addressed the \$5.27M.

As regard the \$136M shortfall for 2023, deeply appreciative that the Province is reviewing Bill 23 with a view to mitigate City budget, taxes - helping to reconcile the \$136M.

Please copy URA this and your email.

I'll revisit the \$136M shortfall for 2023 in next February Council meeting on 2025 budget.

Alecia : Please copy this and the attached to Regional/Ward  
Councillors not in "Cc" above.

Best regards,  
Frederick

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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Silva, Joseph" <[JSilva@markham.ca](mailto:JSilva@markham.ca)>  
**Date:** March 18, 2024 at 12:23:43 PM EDT  
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**Subject: RE: Frederick Woo written deputation for Council public meeting on Feb 15, 2024 @ 7:00pm  
about City 2024 budget**

Good afternoon Mr. Woo,

Thank you for your message. I feel it is important to offer what will hopefully be further clarification on budget figures you note below. If easier, I can take a quick phone call to ensure I am being as clear as I can.

You note a \$5.7 million annual shortfall in 2024. Respectfully, I am not sure where this figure is coming from. What I can clarify, however, is that as part of Budget 2024 (e.g., Exhibit 1A in materials accessible via [www.markham.ca/budget](http://www.markham.ca/budget)), we note a "net shortfall" in our Primary Operating Budget of \$5.27 million for 2024. Our discussion of "net shortfall" is our usual/standard approach to identify and quantify the proposed incremental levy requirement for the year. For 2024, this net shortfall is being addressed through the 2.99 per cent tax levy increase the City has adopted as part of Budget 2024.

The \$136 million potential impact speaks to an anticipated quantum resulting from Bill 23, should they all come to pass. As noted below, the Province is reviewing aspects of this legislation.

Joseph