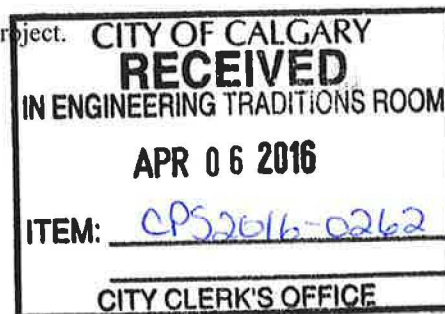


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Subject: Fwd: Letter opposing the Special Tax Levy for the Edgemont Leaf Project.



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Date: April 5, 2016 at 10:35:31 AM MDT
To: spconcps@calgary.ca
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In February, on the advice of the City Clerk's office, I submitted this letter to their office. I now understand that this was incorrect and that it should have gone to Roads. Thank you for forwarding it to the appropriate person to bring it to the attention of the committee at the hearing tomorrow.

Barbara

Begin forwarded message:

From: Barbara O'Gorman <jbogo@telusplanet.net>
Date: February 19, 2016 at 11:33:50 AM MST
To: "spconcps@calgary.ca" <spconcps@calgary.ca>
Subject: Letter opposing the Special Tax Levy for the Edgemont Leaf Project.

To whom it may concern,

Had the canvassers for the Leaf petition said, "We are looking for your signature on this petition asking Council to add a special tax of \$84 a year to your property taxes in order to enhance the neighbourhood," how many signatures do you expect they would have obtained? Very few, I think, yet the Edgemont Community received 3,600, and Roads validated 3,576.

I believe this petition process is flawed; if 2/3 of all property owners have signed "Yes," how can 2/3 then sign "No".

The Levy is a flat tax which means that the smallest duplex pays the same amount as the largest estate home. This project will generate almost \$1/2 million a year for the Parks Department at the expense of people least able to afford it, lower income families and, especially in the present economic situation, the unemployed.

I would ask Council to deny approval for this petition as insufficient information was given by the canvassers or the E.C.A. (I can confirm that the 2 people who came to my house did not mention taxes nor offer any information when I asked.) Many residents were not aware this tax would be in effect for

ever unless it was appealed in 5 years time by another petition.

Yours truly,

Barbara O'Gorman.