

## ***Taxes, Area Rating and Transit***

***Throughout the city of Hamilton, different communities are taxed by the services they receive. Some aspects of the budget such as General, Public Health and Community Services, Police and Education tax rates are the same for all residential properties in the City of Hamilton.***

***Other Services such as Transit, Fire, Culture & Recreation and Sidewalk Snow Removal are taxed based on the service available to that community. These differences in area-rated services results in a different total residential tax rate for each community.***

***In the recent past, a sub-committee was commissioned to review Transit Services for the City of Hamilton. There is a possibility that this could mean that taxes could increase if there is a rebalancing of area rating or new transit services are brought in.***

***I will argue that we keep the status quo in Glanbrook unless a review with citizen input supports otherwise. If changes do occur, I support the position that all of Hamilton adopt an urban-rural tax policy for Transit in which rural areas that do not receive transit services, do not pay for it.***

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