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Dear Mayor & Council,

I am writing in regards to our property taxes at Blue Frog Studios. In 2021 our business was completely closed down for more than six months due to the pandemic . For the remainder of the year, we were operating at a 50% capacity which means we were losing money but able to provide our services and keep staff employed. Needless to say, 2021 was a devastating year for our business and 2022 has not started any better.

A few days ago, we received our property assessment notice which shows our assessed value has gone up almost 20%. Juanita and I are deeply concerned that this could translate into a significant increase in our City property taxes. I know that most businesses in White Rock are also thinking the same thing; an increase in commercial property taxes will be the final nail in the coffin for businesses that have been barely holding on for the last two years.

We know that the City of White Rock staff and Council can control the tax mil rate, which in turn determines the property taxes that we will have to pay. We are emphatically requesting that the City of White Rock do whatever it takes to keep the 2022 property tax at the same level as the 2021 taxes.

Can we have your assurance that the City of White Rock will adjust the commercial mil rate accordingly so that there will NOT be a commercial property tax increase for 2022?

Sincerely,

Kelly and Juanita Breaks

Owners,
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