



Tuesday November 24th, 2015

Councillor Gary Crawford and
Members of the Budget committee
10th Floor West, City Hall
100 Queen Street West
Toronto, Ontario
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Dear Councillor Gary Crawford and Committee Members,

Beechgrove Country Foods Inc. is a small to medium sized meat processing company employing 55 to 60 employees located in the east end of Toronto. Recently we have been notified that there has been a proposal to increase the Industrial Waste Surcharge Schedule for the City of Toronto. We respectfully ask that this surcharge schedule remain unchanged and the motion to charge for all four parameters under the Sewer Surcharge Agreement be denied.

This increase will put a financial burden on our organization making it hard to survive in our industry. At this time we cannot compete with the U.S. market due to these high operational costs. As you are probably aware, over the past year, several meat plants in Toronto were forced to close their doors due to high utilities and operational costs. If these costs continue to increase our Board of Directors will be looking at relocating the business to the United States, this relocation will affect our human capital due to loss of jobs and affect our contribution to the Canadian economy.

We conclude by stating that we oppose this increase on the Surcharge Schedule and we ask that you take all of these factors mentioned above into consideration before you make your final decision. Should you need any additional information about our industry please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Amir Niaz