

## Toronto Needs More Money

Mayor Chow, Members of Executive Committee and eventually Members of Council and City Staff:

Hard choices are made by responsible people who have a duty of care to others.

Parents will suffer distress when after examining their financial status will determine reduced spending and doing without will serve those they owe a duty of care to.

During the two election campaigns held within the past fourteen months many promises were made with reference to Toronto's budget shortfall. Much blame was directed at others.

What positive results will come from playing '*the blame-game?*'

In spite of Toronto's financial shortfall few successful candidates spoke of Toronto's limitations. Regardless of a growing number of Committees no successful candidate dared to question duplication of service and the cost of maintaining the expensive replication.

Has the City Manager been asked to provide data on the exodus of Toronto businesses and Toronto residences during the past four years?

Has the City Manager been asked to provide data on the estimated lost revenue because some think Toronto is too expensive?

Has the City Manager been asked to address a growing concern by Toronto taxpayers that they are being overtaxed while there is no reciprocity of suffering at Toronto City Hall?

Mayor Tory stated that his property tax increase was only slightly over the rate of inflation. However, he neglected to include an increase for water and sewage and the building fund.

All of you should have taken your parents advice and become hair dressers or plumbers.

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