



March 23, 2011

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Paul Sharman, Chair  
Budget & Corporate Services Committee  
City of Burlington  
426 Brant Street  
Burlington, ON

**Re: City of Burlington Operating Budget**

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In recent years, the City of Burlington operating budget has seen some of the highest year-over-year increases. While some operating expense increases are expected and reasonable, municipal tax increases should be limited. The Burlington Chamber of Commerce believes that unnecessary tax increases are detrimental to the growth of the business community in Burlington.

The Burlington Chamber of Commerce urges Council to ensure that City budget increase be limited to no more than 2.5% in 2011 and for each subsequent year of this term of Council.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'J. Cunningham', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Jamie Cunningham  
Chair

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Keith Hoey  
President

*Enclosure*

cc: Councillor John Taylor, Vice-Chair, Budget & Corporate Services Committee  
Councillor Rick Craven  
Councillor Jack Dennison  
Councillor Blair Lancaster  
Councillor Marianne Meed Ward  
Mayor Rick Goldring  
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