

**SUMMARY OF
FINANCE COMMITTEE
SUBMISSIONS**

April 14, 2025

**Correspondence received
Thursday before 12:00 p.m.**

Finance Committee – April 14, 2025

Support

C. Martin expressed support for the proposal.

Opposition

E. Chi expressed opposition for the proposal.

J. Zhang expressed opposition for the proposal.

Concern

F. Noordam expressed concern citing excessive department cost increases, climate policy impact, build infrastructure and services.

From: [MySurrey Portal](#)
To: [Clerks Department Webmail](#)
Subject: 06/04/2025, C Martin, expressing Support to the Draft Five-Year (2025 – 2029) Financial Plan General Operating
Date: April 6, 2025 9:59:53 AM



New submission received.

Contact Information

First Initial: **C**
Last Name: **Martin**
Are you a resident of Surrey or do you own property in Surrey? **No**
Select Your Neighbourhood: **n/a**

Submission Details

Select a Category: **4.Item that Council is Soliciting Feedback On**
Select an Item: **F002 Draft Five-Year (2025 – 2029) Financial Plan General Operating | |**
Select your support level:: **Support**
Comments - Optional: **I think having another large public park in Surrey would be wonderful because Peace Portal has many large trees and is close to a rapidly expanding area.**



From: [E Chi](#)
To: [Clerks Department Webmail](#)
Subject: City of Surrey proposes 2.8% general property tax increase, among lowest in region
Date: April 1, 2025 8:50:08 AM

Increasing property taxes for a 10,000-seat stadium and an "ash-scattering pier" is absurd.

From: [MySurrey Portal](#)
To: [Clerks Department Webmail](#)
Subject: 08/04/2025, J Zhang, expressing Opposed to the Draft Five-Year (2025 – 2029) Financial Plan General Operating
Date: April 8, 2025 3:54:49 PM



New submission received.

Contact Information

First Initial: **J**
Last Name: **Zhang**
Are you a resident of Surrey or do you own property in Surrey? **Yes**
Select Your Neighbourhood: **South Surrey**

Submission Details

Select a Category: **4.Item that Council is Soliciting Feedback On**
Select an Item: **F002 Draft Five-Year (2025 – 2029) Financial Plan General Operating | |**
Select your support level:: **Opposed**
Comments - Optional:



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From: [F. Noordam](#)
To: [Mayor Brenda Locke](#)
Cc: [Clerks Department Webmail](#); [Annis, Linda](#)
Subject: 2024-2028 financial plan
Date: April 7, 2025 2:02:01 PM

Good afternoon team,

Today I read through the more than 400 pages of the 2024-2028 financial plan. It is an impressive and comprehensive plan and rightly articulates in detail the activities of the city.

However, I do have some concerns as listed below.

The administrative costs of most of the departments beginning with the mayors office have costs doubling (or more) from 2022- 2028.

That seems quite excessive even the expected increase in population.

the mayors department from \$2,787,000 in 2022 to an expected \$4,563,000 in 2028. A 63.7% increase.

Most of the departments have indicated similar increases.

In the name of transparency and considering the impact on the residents, please justify these cost increases for us, your taxpayers.

Page 61 of the report shows an integrity principle that if true would make these increases so transparent that we would not question their legitimacy.

Yet....?

Secondly, we need to rethink the climate policy impact on our costs.

To be sure, we do cause pollution and it is a by-product of industrial growth. Our responsibility is to minimize the impact of the pollution while allowing industry to flourish. I get that! But.....

We should never confuse the impact of pollution and the climate change. The planet is currently in the throes of th fourth recorded warm period. the graphs clearly show that the peak of the warm periods is at least 60 years away, we need to build infrastructure and services to prepare for the impact of the warm period. Mankind did not cause the Minoan warm period, the Roman warm period, or the Medieval warm period which occurred in a consistent cycle (approximately 1000 years apart.

Therefore we need to take a bit of a context perspective and recognize what we as humans can do and what is well beyond our ability to influence. We know for a fact that fossil fuel use was never an issue in the first three warm periods yet they occurred.

We also know that shortly after the industrial period began with extensive use of coal, the little ice age began. If the climate scientists had lived during that period they would have stated the use of fossil fuels was causing the planet to become colder.

Again, it's the context. Without that historical context we have no basis for it.

So.....

Please revisit the climate response of the city.

There is much more within the document that lends to questions but these two are primary in ensuring perspective and context are the goal posts within which we make our decisions.

As always, I will consider that you accept my points if I do not receive a response within two weeks (April 21, 2025)

Kind regards,

F. Noordam