

**Subject: Response to letter from Mr. Kazuo Onodera re industrial taxes.**

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Dear Mr.. Onodera:

Subject: Your letter re industrial taxes.

I believe it is fair to state that we all understand the importance of having industry in our municipality. This is especially so if that industry is environmentally clean and labor intensive as is the case with many though not all.


The issue you have raised is of ongoing concern to me for not only do I recognize that jobs are crucial but also because the whole question of taxation is extremely vexing. It is certainly extremely complex. Unlike municipal jurisdictions in other lands in Canada municipalities receive absolutely no assistance from senior levels of government to pay for the services that are crucial for the functioning of a modern community. Indeed the opposite is true.

Notwithstanding I will take your concerns into consideration when this issue comes before Council as part of the 2002 budget deliberations.

Yours truly.

Ernie Crist .

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