June 4, 2007

Head and All Members of Council

Dear Colleagues:

In the fall of 2004 I wrote to you about the efforts of the Canadian Advocates for Tax Awareness (CAFTA) as they worked toward the creation of a more fair and equitable system of property taxation in Ontario. The Municipality of Trent Hills joined with them at that time to pressure the Provincial Government to make changes to a system that was literally driving people from their homes.

As many of you know, CAFTA has now joined with the Canadian National Taxpayers Coalition to form an even stronger alliance. This alliance is vital as we all know there is much work left to be done.

We must build on the efforts of Ombudsman Marin to bring transparency and equity back into our system of property taxation. As we enter into an election period it is imperative that we do not allow ourselves to be lulled to sleep by an assessment freeze that will only serve to delay the inevitable pain that will come with the next reassessment.

It is more important than ever that we support the efforts of CAFTA/CNCTC and continue pressuring our Provincial representatives to fix the assessment system once and for all.

I encourage you and your Council to check out the latest activities of CAFTA/CNCTC at their website, www.cntccanada.ca, or telephone/fax 705 696-2356 and to do whatever you can to support their efforts.

WE SIMPLY MUST KEEP UP THE EFFORTS TO CREATE A PROPERTY TAX SYSTEM WE CAN ALL AFFORD!

Yours truly,

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