

## Councillor would support transit expansion into Campbellville

22 value they're receiving for their tax dollars as either excellent, good or fair.

- Approximately 33 per cent of respondents would support increased taxes to enhance or expand services, and the same percentage would prefer to maintain current tax levels by way of cutting services. However, 22 per cent would support increased taxes to maintain services at current levels.

- The majority of respondents indicated that services should be maintained at current levels, with the exception of road networks, where 55 per cent of respondents would like to see service levels enhanced.

- 59 per cent of respondents support an incremental one per cent dedicated tax increase to provide funding for maintaining assets to address the existing infrastructure funding deficit. Rural resident Trish Walker shared her thoughts with council on the survey, which she deemed to have an "urban bias" in its phrasing and structure.

She also pointed out that in residents' responses to the open-ended survey questions, there were 106 separate references to "the unjust removal of the urban tax levy."

"I strongly encourage councillors to pay close

attention to the qualitative feedback from this 2017 budget call report," she said "The most significant take away is equal services for equal taxes. So if council is not prepared to provide transit, sidewalks, crossing guards, etcetera to Ward 3, then the urban tax levy must be reinstated."

Ward 7 Councillor Rick Di Lorenzo said he did notice suggestions in the survey commentary of a bus going from Campbellville to the Milton GO station.

"I would be supportive of that if there's an actual demand," he said. "I want to make sure it's not residents just saying that because they say, 'We're paying taxes and not getting the service.'"

Ward 4 Councillor Rick Malboeuf said since the survey responses received only represent about 1.5 per cent of Milton taxpayers, "it tells me the vast majority are happy with the way we're going or content with what we're doing and are allowing this council to make the decisions on the budget process."

Regarding the 106 mentions of the urban tax levy phase out — a measure that Malboeuf made a motion to introduce last December — the councillor claimed he's "not overly concerned, especially when I know

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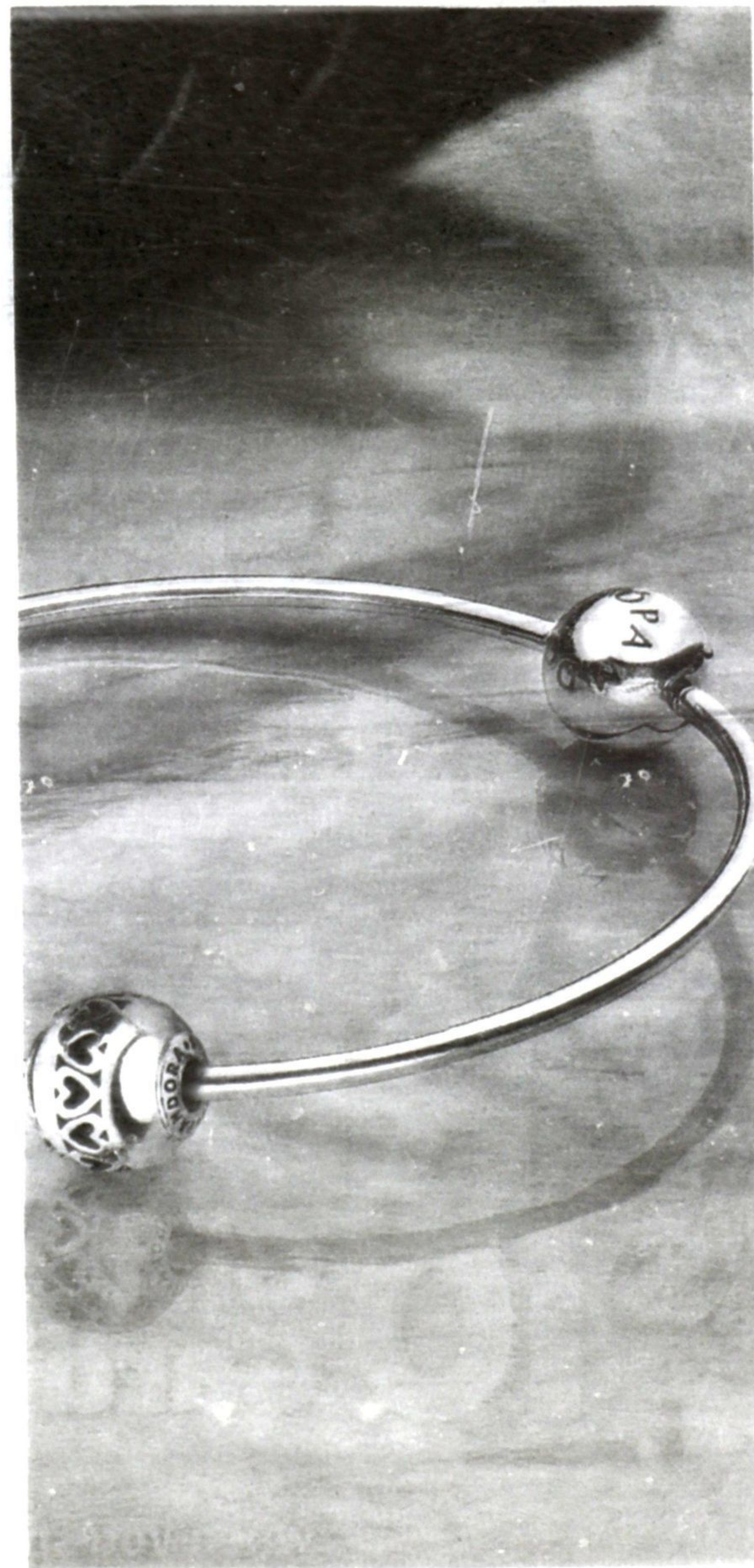
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