

Council rejects notion of prepaid taxes

A proposal by a Ward 1 councillor Ivanka Bradley to have businesses pay taxes in advance was given a thumbs down by leaders of the town's two commercial associations.

Whitchurch-Stouffville Chamber of Commerce president Rob Shannon, along with B.I.A. chair Sandra Stronach, say Bradley's scheme would act as a deterrent to bringing much needed new business to town. They feel council should be working towards lowering business taxes as part of an overall plan to broaden the commercial tax base.

Bradley called for a business tax collection review Tuesday after council was asked to write off \$15,000 in unpaid taxes from 43

businesses. She suggested future businesses provide the town with personal guarantees or letter of credit so the town could collect taxes in the event of bankruptcy.

"I think it would be foolish to think we could get businesses to pay their taxes in advance," said Shannon. "Anything the politicians want to do to minimize losses is good, but we'd have no success drawing new businesses to town if they had to pay their taxes up front. I don't think very many businesses would last long if they asked for payment before goods and services were received." Shannon suggested the town might offer a discount to businesses if they chose the option of paying taxes in advance.

"That's not the way you welcome business to town," said Stronach. She said the town could look into asking businesses for monthly installments instead of the current lump sum method.

Stronach agreed with Bradley's contention that it's not fair for residents to have to pick up the tab when businesses default on their taxes. But she argued that a broader business tax base, an attempt to tax businesses run out of private homes, and a review of the tax system with an eye towards lowering taxes across the board would be preferable to taxing businesses in advance. "Business taxes are plenty high in Stouffville for what we get."

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On November 11th
At the eleventh hour
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