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-- Comments --

We believe this action is discriminatory to seasonal customers. The logic seems to be that rates should be based on cost of services rendered. However, that logic quickly breaks down when applied across the board to services offered to seasonal dwellers.

Let me explain. We own a water access cottage which is used only in the summer. For eight months of the year, we do not avail ourselves of any township services, such as garbage pickup or emergency response or road maintenance, but we receive zero discount on our property taxes. Seasonal dwellers pay the same high rate of taxes for waterfront properties even when the cost of services rendered to us is far less than non-seasonal dwellers.

Now the OEB, a government agency, wants to make seasonal dwellers pay more when the services rendered cost more to deliver. Going with that logic, seasonal dwellers should expect to pay less for other government services which cost less to deliver. Do you see how the pay more/cost more and pay less/cost less logic falls apart?

Standard government policy is that everyone pays even if only a few benefit – if only a few attend school, if only a few get sick and stay in the hospital, if only a few drive on the highways, if only a few use electricity in remote areas. This action is against accepted standards of democratic governance and is a greedy money grab from seasonal customers.

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