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Hydro One and the OEB have decided that the hydro rate be changed from seasonal to Residential R2 class (low density) for the Delivery of hydro to the cottage. The Change would dramatically impact the cost of hydro, **increasing our rate over 50%** for our seasonal property that is only used for 5 months of the year and powered off the remainder of the season.

Its incredible "at today's rates" that our modest 1500 sq ft cottage used 5 months (weekends typically) the Hydro costs are more than my home in Aurora, double the size and lived in 12 months of the year? How is that even possible?

Can't even imagine the cost once this draconian increase is being rammed through. Is there a solution here that doesn't bankrupt owners? Mitigation of the increase over several years is not a solution as it still amounts to a **50++ increase**. Imagine an elected official who proposes taxes or fees to increase 50%, they would be immediately be ousted out of office.

The only solution I see is to move seasonal customers to Medium Density R1 classification. This will allow the elimination of the Seasonal class (don't understand why that is required but that seems to have been already decided). It's this is the type of thinking that is required to address this hugely unfair Hydro increase. In fact, the location of my cottage is very close to the 100 properties in a 1 KM range, if the definition of Medium Density were to be lowered to 50 homes in a 1KM, would address this challenge for most of the residences faced with huge increases.

Please think out of the box to provide an equitable solution for seasonal residential class to Medium Density. Let's be clear a 50% increase weather over one year or 3 years is a 50% increase, for perpetuity. The cost of such is unimaginable over time, unfair as draconian.

Thank You in advance please do review alternatives to 50% increases as this is far from affordable to anyone and unacceptable at any level.

Egidio Morson