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I assume that the subsidies that are paid to full-time resident Hydro customers in R2 areas are given to 1. Encourage economic development in rural areas 2. To balance the appearance of fairness with urban areas 3. Encourage development that supports local economic growth

From an economic perspective R2 Seasonal Residents have a very large economic impact in the following ways 1. Township taxes that support

2. Better local government

3. Enhanced all seasons recreation facilities

4. Better roads and fire service

5. Lower local taxes

6. School taxes without adding to the school role 6. Better local hospitals in small towns

Purchase of goods and services from

1. Marine services and dockage

2. New build construction labour and materials 3. Groceries and other goods What the solution is from a dollar and cent perspective is up to you.

Cottages aren't going to go away just because you raise the cost of electricity. And likely cottagers will continue to vote for the government that raises the rate but ... in the end relationships and fairness do matter.