

-- Name --

Adrian Christie

-- Do you reside in the impacted service area? -- Yes

-- Comments --

This proposed rate increase is ill-timed and constitutes an added financial pressure on the residents of Ottawa. Although it is understood that rate adjustments or increases are occasionally necessary, the current inflationary pressures being observed across the board already represent a significant burden to residents. This proposed rate increase would only compound the financial issues being felt by so many Ottawans.

With homelessness and a lack of affordable housing being such critical issues in Ottawa, this proposed rate increase is directly in opposition to the well-being of our city's residents and to the stated objectives of city hall.

To reiterate, I acknowledge that rate increases may occasionally be needed, BUT NOW IS DEFINITELY NOT THE TIME.

Please consider the needs of our local residents and small business. Please reject this proposed rate increase. Let us send a message that, here in Canada, some things such as compassion and solidarity come before money. Help establish a trend of people before pocketbooks. It will be sorely needed as things are liable to get worse before they get any better.