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Subject: Correspondence regarding Budget

Dear Mayor Finch and South Huron Council,

One of the challenges when a group or board, or council changes, is the carry on of past information and practices.

Some of that information and history comes from written documentation, such as the information that is available on the website, and social media, whether it be Facebook or paper, Twitter, or the local coffee shops.

Regardless of where the information comes from, we know it needs to be transparent, that is easy to access and understand, valid, and honest.

Good decisions are made by the provision of the best information, discussions, clarification and education, done by inquiry and listening to the community.

We are here to help, and I hope you find the St Mary's budget as a comparator, for information sharing of process, and innovation in service provision. I have attached the link for your convenience. This could be some common ground to open up discussions, as it is a place that is often referred to for comparisons of service provisions, capital costs, efficiencies, and ways to improve.

I have reviewed the South Huron budget, and process on the website, and understand you have rescheduled today the budget meeting for Wed Jan 30.

Is there an opportunity or will there be an opportunity for community feedback or clarification on the information presented in the budget document?

It is understandable that the agenda deadline for submission for this meeting has long passed, so I am asking that this correspondence/email be part of the agenda for the next regularly scheduled council meeting.

http://www.townofstmarys.com/en/town-services/Annual-Budget.aspx

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