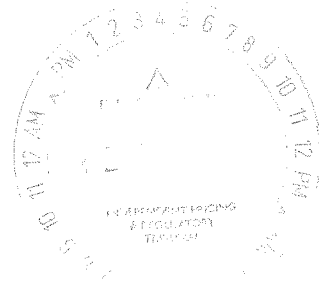


16 June 2017.

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Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: MCC SRV 2017

Proposed Midcoat Council Rate increases.

I strongly object to the proposed rate increases on the following grounds:

- ① The "Council" is unelected. The Chairman is a past National Party politician and the late Councillors are still conformist "Advisors". As an historian I am familiar with the old American saw - "No Taxation without Representation". Unlike some rural and Urban proposed mergers there has been no proper analysis either social or economic of the situation.
- ② Council elections for a new body take place in four months' time. Surely that creature should be the catalyst for debate and decision?
- ③ My Hawkes Nest rates are already higher than those of my Beecroft (Hornsby S.C.) residence.

(4) The area harbours one of the most aged populations in the country not with a high proportion of self-funded retirees and old age pensioners. There is also a fair proportion of young unemployed and families on or near the poverty line.

There are, of course, other problems beyond your parries but surely these should at the very least be ventilated before such crucial decisions are made.

Believe me,

Yours truly,

Duncan Waterson

Emeritus Professor of History.