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## Mayor Crombie's Final New Year's Celebration Marks the End of an Era



By Bill McDonald

Last night marked an unprecedented turnout in Mississauga, boasting an incredible crowd that filled every corner. Celebration Square was teeming with people, the surrounding roads on all four sides packed, and even cars held families as parking spaces around the square were nonexistent. The desire to catch a glimpse of Mayor Crombie was palpable, yet the overwhelming attendance made it nearly impossible to see the stage where she stood.

or. Undoubtedly, she possesses a God-given charisma and a unique personality that garners admiration. Finding a mayor like her, one who operates without drama and diligently performs her duties without seeking undue credit, is a rarity. Unlike typical politicians who often claim credit for others' achievements, Mayor Crombie stands out.

Mississauga residents now harbor concerns as there appears to be no one capable of replicating her numerous accomplishments in such a

short span. Mayor Crombie is a firm believer in teamwork and determination, willing to cross the aisle to get the job done—a quality seldom found in politicians. She is renowned for her accessibility, promoting an open-door policy and dismantling bureaucratic red tape. Her conviction as a public servant, a representative of the common people, is evident, emphasizing the importance of listening to their voices for justifiable service.

Sincerity begets rewards. In a brief period, she has ascended to

the role of Ontario Liberal Leader, potentially becoming the premier amid the current provincial government's greenbelt scandal. If she attains the position of Ontario premier, her vision includes transforming the province into a global business hub, and perhaps one day, she could ascend to the role of Prime Minister—a leader poised to elevate the Canadian economy, enviable to many. With that said, Mississauga is unlikely to see another mayor quite like her.

The cause behind this spectacle was Mayor Crombie's final event as the Mayor of Mississauga before embarking on a greater endeavor.

## Mayor Patrick Brown to Penalize 911 Misuse

By Staff Reporter

Brampton Mayor Brown had a press conference and told the press that Brampton has done very well and attracted 2.2 billion dollars worth of corporate investment. Brampton, in the coming years would have a Medical University that would be first in GTA in over 100 years. Brampton is also adding a brand-new hospital with independent cancer treatment facility.

Talking about the crimes he said that 135 new uniformed police officers have been appointed to deal with theft and break-ins and other crimes. "Of course, the



public safety concerns that alarm residents across GTA," he said.

Talking about the abuse of 911 emergency deployment system

he said that 40% of the calls the system is getting are not on emergency matters and that delays the genuine emergency action the system is designed for. And he said that he is going to penalize those who would make calls that are not of emergency nature to serve the citizens better in his approach.

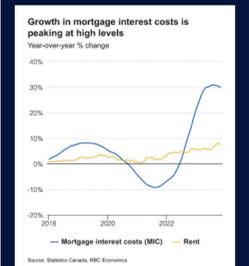
He also pointed out car theft, extortion and break-ins and told the reporters that he would deal with it on zero tolerance manner. On car thefts he said, "If you eliminate the ability to get Canadian vehicles to foreign markets then it's no longer going to be a revenue tool and what shocked me about this crisis when I learnt it is now third largest revenue tool in Canada for organized crimes, guns, drugs and auto theft".

## Municipal Power Vs. Federal



By Amir Ali

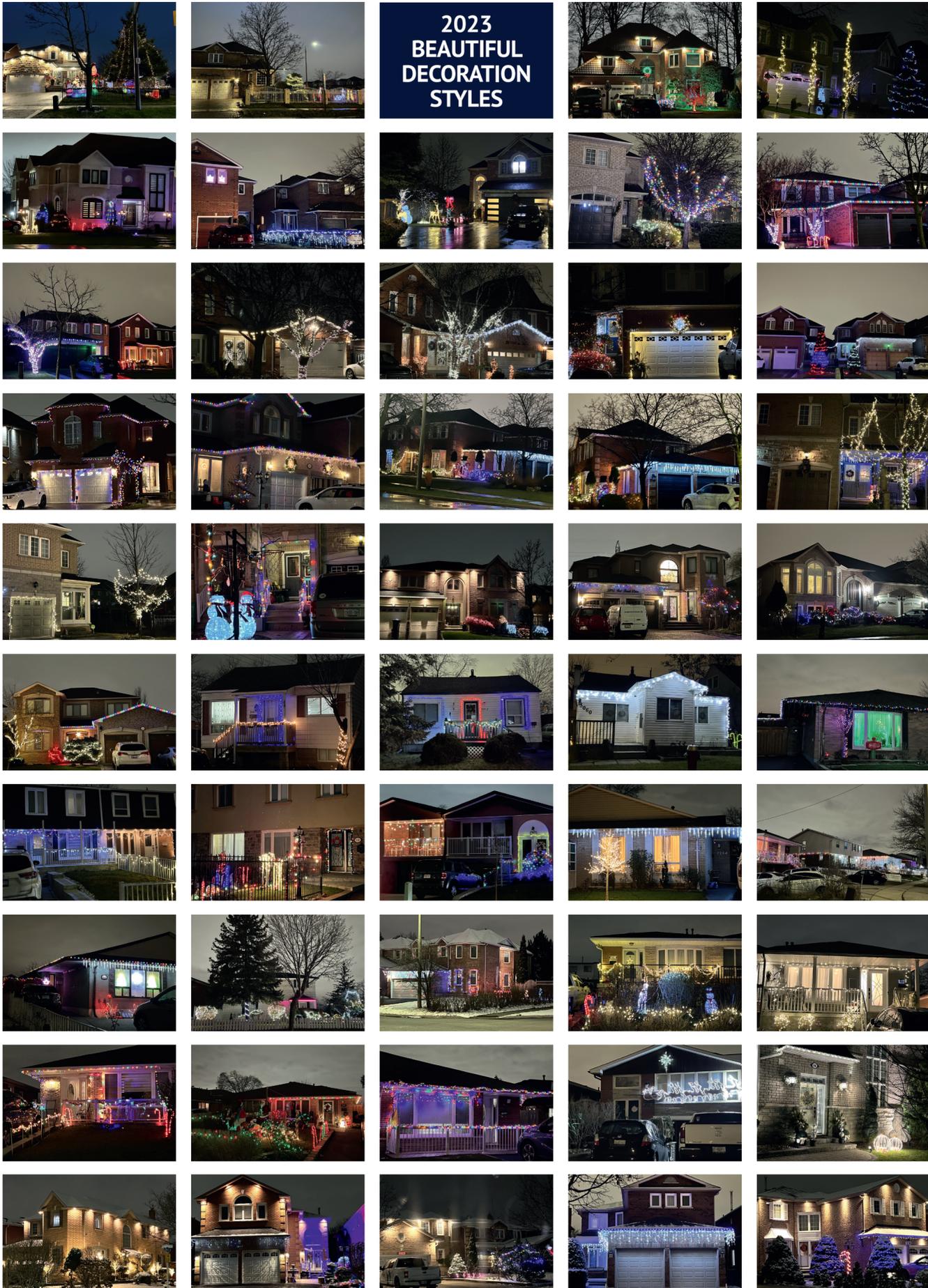
Persistently raising interest rates with inflation hovering at 3.1%, instead of the anticipated 2%, poses severe challenges for the economy. The resulting elevated mortgage rates burden ordinary people, restricting home affordability and hindering economic growth, leading to decreased housing demand and creating a ripple effect that hampers investment, acting as a drag on overall economic expansion.



Citizens are failed to understand that for example, if the home prices decrease by 40% and interest rates jump 3 folds, they would be paying way more as interest than they were paying few months ago.

On the other hand while municipal politicians may not have the power to change federal fiscal policies, they can raise their voices effectively. Municipal representatives, being closer to the citizens compared to federal and provincial politicians, serve as a vital conduit for expressing the genuine concerns of the public. Despite their limited jurisdiction, they play a crucial role in advocating for policies that alleviate the economic burden on ordinary citizens. As citizens navigate the economic ramifications, the importance of informed voting becomes paramount.





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# Peel Regional Police Responds to Extortion Surge

Feed Reporting

In light of an unsettling surge in extortion attempts, Peel Regional Police has initiated a specialized task force to address the alarming trend. Predominantly targeting members of the South Asian business community, these extortion efforts unfold through various social media platforms, where threats of violence are coupled with demands for money. In some instances, these threats have escalated into acts of violence, prompting ongoing investigations into nine incidents.

On December 9, 2023, Peel Regional Police took swift action by apprehending Tanmanjot Gill, a 23-year-old individual from Abbotsford, British Columbia. Gill faces charges related to discharging a firearm and firing multiple rounds at a business near Rutherford Road South and Clark Boulevard in Brampton. The search continues for a second suspect, described as a South Asian male of medium build, initially seen in a grey sweatshirt and later changing into a black sweatshirt adorned with a white X on the back. Residents are urged to report any sightings to 9-1-1, refraining from approaching the suspect due to potential armed status.

In response to these concerning incidents, Peel Regional Police has established the Extortion

Investigative Task Force (EITF), a dedicated unit comprising investigative and intelligence teams supported by tactical units. The EITF will collaborate closely with community members and other law enforcement agencies to advance ongoing investigations.

Expressing serious apprehensions for community safety, Chief Nishan Duraiappah emphasized, "Terrorizing our residents will not be tolerated, and Peel Regional Police is committed to allocating the necessary resources to pursue those responsible."

Peel Regional Police urges the public to promptly report any threats of violence targeting them, their families, or their businesses for extortion purposes. Perpetrators are leveraging social media platforms for these



illicit activities, often armed with personal details such as the victim's name, phone number, address, and business information.

Canada is a country where except the Aboriginals or First Nations everyone is an immigrant, some came few hundred years ago and some came few days ago. Navigating the cold Canadian winters requires more than just staying indoors; it demands a proactive approach to safeguard your health. While the chill may be tempting to ignore, taking preventive measures is vital. Firstly, prioritize warmth by donning layers, including insulated clothing, hats, and gloves. Shielding yourself from the cold not only ensures comfort but also guards against potential health issues like frostbite and respiratory challenges.

## Living in Cold – New Immigrants Beware

Additionally, staying hydrated remains crucial, even in cold weather. The dry, cold air can lead to dehydration, impacting your immune system's efficiency. Keep up with regular fluid intake, opting for warm beverages to maintain internal warmth. Moreover, nourishing your body with nutrient-rich foods helps fortify your immune system, offering an extra layer of defense against winter-related health concerns.

Lastly, embrace physical activity to generate internal heat. Whether it's a brisk walk, winter sports, or indoor workouts, staying active boosts circulation and keeps your body resilient. By incorporating these practices into your routine, you not only brave the cold effectively but

also promote a healthier and more resilient you throughout the winter season.



# Calgary Mayor Jyoti Gondek Increases Property Tax by 7.8%

By: Editha Hugues

The relationship between home values and property taxes can vary across municipalities, and a decrease in home values doesn't always lead to an automatic reduction in property taxes. While property taxes are often based on property assessments, the decision to adjust tax rates depends on a municipality's financial needs, budget priorities, and other economic factors.

Using Calgary as an example, where the mayor is proposing a 7.8% increase in property taxes, it highlights that municipalities may not necessarily decrease

taxes even if home values were to decrease. Municipalities often face various financial pressures, including the need for revenue to fund services, infrastructure,

and address budgetary gaps. In the case of Calgary, the proposed increase in property taxes suggests a response to specific fiscal challenges or priorities.

Factors such as inflation, increased costs of delivering municipal services, and infrastructure demands can contribute to the decision to raise property taxes despite changes in property values. Additionally, municipal governments may have existing debt obligations or fixed costs that influence their revenue needs.

In summary, the relationship between home values and prop-

erty taxes is complex, and decisions by municipalities to adjust tax rates depend on a range of financial considerations. The example of Calgary's proposed property tax increase illustrates that municipalities may choose to raise taxes even in the face of changing property values, emphasizing the importance of understanding local fiscal policies and decisions.



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