

Please stand up for my local business. Adopt these policies!

To: Mayor and Council

I am a CFIB member

Municipality

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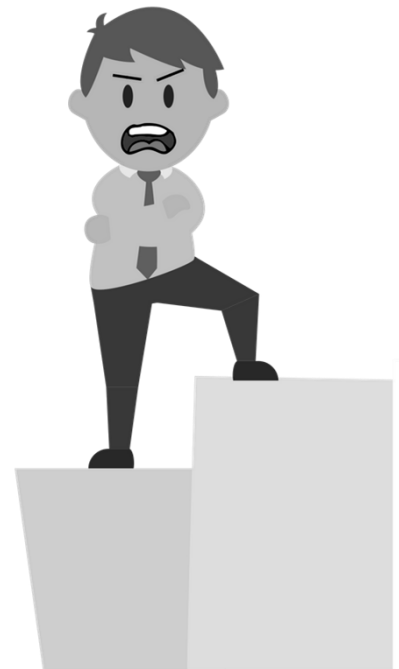
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Business concerns at the municipal level are often under-addressed or overlooked. Despite this, they continue to weigh heavily on the shoulders of local businesses like mine. For the upcoming municipal election on October 20, 2018, **make my local businesses a priority.**


I urge my Mayor and Council to take action and adopt a business friendly platform to restore confidence in my community:

- Don't treat my business like a cash cow! Cap **property taxes** at a 2 to 1 ratio of what businesses pay versus residents.
- Why am I footing the bill?! My municipality needs to **limit municipal spending** so my property taxes don't keep increasing drastically.
- Municipal wages are out of control! **Freeze public sector wages**, which have grown 2 to 3 times faster than inflation historically.
- Make it easier for me to comply with regulations! **Reduce red tape** on my business and introduce a permanent business license.
- Develop a municipal **construction mitigation plan** to ensure my business doesn't suffer the consequences.
- Why should I have to pay taxes in a city where I can't vote? Urge the provincial government to introduce a **municipal business vote** so I have my say.



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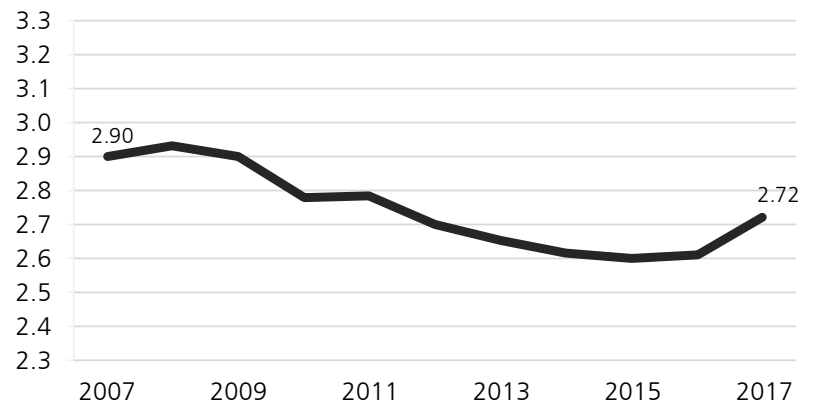
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Businesses are paying more!

Many municipalities continue to **levy two, three, or even four times more tax** on commercial property compared to residential property!

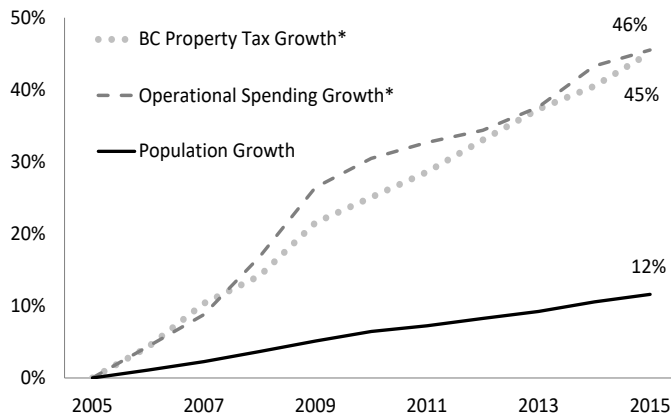
Municipal Property Tax Gap: BC Average



Source: CFIB Calculations on BC Local Government Statistics, 2007-2017

Municipal governments have a spending problem, and public sector wages are growing two times faster than inflation!

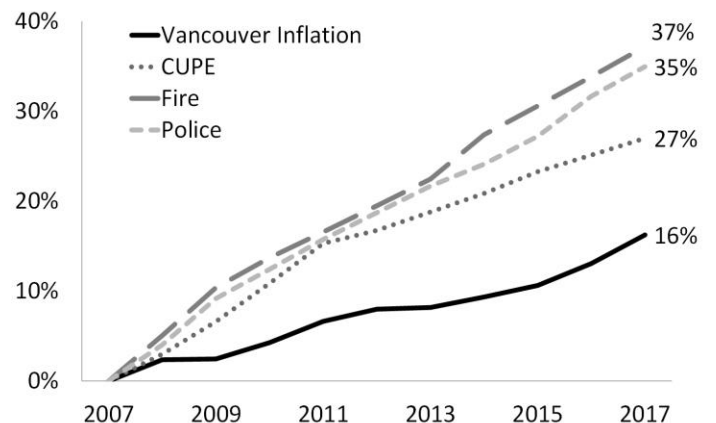
Property Tax and Municipal Operational Spending in BC, 2005 to 2015



*Adjusted for inflation

Source: CFIB BC Municipal spending report, 2017

Vancouver: Cumulative Public Sector Wage Growth, 2007 to 2017



Source: CFIB BC Municipal Spending Watch, 2017. City of Vancouver specific data.

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