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Hello Mayor, St. Catharines and members of the Budget Standing Committee,

As a result of the imposed minimum wage, our city budget will be impacted to the tune of \$400,000, which will be a .5% increase.

Since 2008/2009, the private sector, which pays the freight for the public sector, has experienced job losses, wage stagnation and even pay cuts. It's not business as usual for the private sector and it shouldn't be for the public sector either.

As one of the ways of reducing our city budget increases to less than 2% - and 2% is already too high considering the number of fixed income seniors and beleaguered private sector workers - our budget committee must consider dramatically reducing the number of summer student hires.

How committed are you to implementing this measure?

Sincerely, Philip Dyck