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His Worship Don Darling and
Members of Common Council

Your Worship and Councillors:

Subject: Sustainability Report

Background:

I think it's important for us to be as open and transparent as possible regarding the deal being offered to the City of Saint John and what it covers for the whole province verses what is only for Saint John. What we need to get us from now until possible legislative changes can be made in 2022 -2023 in terms of a first phase of tax reform of heavy industrial tax being retained by the municipalities. I would like all this information put on the city of Saint John web page. In addition to this I would like to be fair and add the contact information for all MLAs in the region so people can contact them and discuss their perspective on this. People need to have an easy tool to find out what the offer is and what's good about it as well as what's lacking in it for Saint John to be successful.

Motion:

That in the spirit of open transparent governance direct the City Manager to have staff provide background information on the new deal, the immediate need in terms of a first phase of taxation reform on heavy industry taxes, the GNB response and a template on the City of Saint John's website. These tools should be completed and posted by [August 1st, 2019](#).

Respectfully Submitted,

(Received via email)

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