

Mayor, councillors cost you \$363K last year

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It cost the Town of Halton Hills nearly \$363,500 to pay the mayor and councillors last year.

Mayor Rick Bonnette earned \$72,770 in salary and benefits from the Town. Halton Region paid him \$53,123, bringing his total salary to \$125,893.

Town councillor salaries ranged from \$24,453 to \$29,840.

Regional Councillors Jane Fogal and Clark Somerville were paid by both the Town and Region.

Fogal earned \$27,338 (Town) and an additional \$52,574 (Region) for a total of \$79,912. Somerville brought in \$29,840 (Town) and \$52,574 (Region) totaling \$82,414.

At the Town level, Councillor Michael O'Leary had the highest expenses for conferences and seminars — \$3,014, and Councillor Jon Hurst had the biggest mileage expense at \$1,071.

At Halton Region, Somerville's conference expenses were significantly higher than anyone else's at \$11,589. Somerville said that was due to the board meetings and conferences he attends as part of his role as Third Vice-President for the Federation of Canadian Municipalities.

Fogal's conference costs were \$3,447 (Halton) and Bonnette's \$2,937 (Halton) and \$2,366 (Town).

Bonnette received \$1,159 in mileage expenses from Halton Region, Fogal \$1,995, and Somerville \$1,434, plus \$801 from the Town.

Man facing impaired charges

A Burlington man is facing charges after police found a vehicle parked on the shoulder on Guelph St. with a man asleep in the driver's seat at about 3:15 a.m. Friday.

There was minor damage to one of the vehicle's tires. Charged with operation of a motor vehicle while impaired and having over 80 mg of alcohol in 100 ml of blood is William Ford, 35, of Burlington.

Batteries stolen

Halton Police are investigating the theft of six batteries from two tractor-trailers parked at a Todd Rd. business sometime between Saturday and Monday. The batteries are \$100 each.

High school vandalized

Police report graffiti was found on the west side of Gary Allan High School on Guelph St. Friday.

Vodka theft

Halton Police were called to the LCBO on Mountainview Rd. Saturday about 4 p.m. for a shoplifting incident. Police report a man was seen concealing five bottles of vodka in his pants then going to the checkout to buy two cans of beer, without paying for the vodka. Charged with theft under \$5,000, and fail to comply with a probation order and fail to comply with recognizance is William Alcorn, 40, of Milton.



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