

Treasurer: Fees are based on cost recovery

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was set as an annual increase rate for cost recovery.

DeSousa said at that time the 3 per cent “was fairly reasonable” and Town staff will review and analyze the fees in a couple of years. “In most cases I’ll wager at that time they’re still on a cost re-

covery basis and may have to be increased further,” said De Sousa.

Director of Infrastructure Services Chris Mills said after raising the building fees by 3 per cent over the last few years the Town’s building fees were on the “high side” based on comparable municipalities. He added that when they also looked at the type of permits expected to come in

and projected staff workload, it was felt it was reasonable to only raise them 1.5 per cent.

“I prefer to see everything much lower than 3 per cent,” said Councillor Ann Lawlor.

She said she hears comments from residents that they’re going to Brampton because the Moms and Tots program is cheaper there. “People are voting with their

feet on some of these,” said Lawlor.

Councillor Clark Somerville said the fees are fair, and if that was the case Town Staff would be at Council recommending cuts to fees for programs.

“The reality of it is that user fees are for people using the facilities,” said Somerville. He said if they were lower it would have an impact on tax rates.

Councillor Moya Johnson said Council decided a number of years ago to raise fees by 3 per cent until a certain level is reached because the Town wasn’t recovering costs of running programs etc.

“We agreed the general taxpayer should not be subsidizing many of these programs to the extent they were and we did have to turn to the users,” said Johnson.



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Halton Hills Christmas Day and New Year’s Day Household Waste Collection Notice

Please Note Collection Day Changes

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
		Areas 1, 3, 4, 5 no change		Area 2 Collection Moves	
Dec. 22	23	24	Christmas Day 25	26	27
		Areas 1, 3, 4, 5 no change		Area 2 Collection Moves	
29	30	31	New Year’s Day Jan 1	2	3

Household waste collection takes place as usual on Christmas Eve (Wednesday, December 24). There is no household waste collection on Christmas Day (Thursday, December 25). Due to the holiday, household waste collection will take place the day after your regular collection day.

Household waste collection takes place as usual on New Year’s Eve (Wednesday, December 31). There is no household waste collection on New Year’s Day (Thursday, January 1). Due to the holiday, household waste collection will take place the day after your regular collection day.

Please place your waste at the curb by 7 a.m. on your scheduled holiday collection day.

Garbage Tag Exemption

Your first garbage collection day after Christmas Day (December 25) will not require garbage tags; however, the **six garbage bag/can limit applies**.

Visit Halton.ca/garbagetags for more information.

Waste Collection Calendar

Never miss your waste collection day again! Visit Halton.ca/wastecalendar to find your waste collection day:

- Sign up for weekly email or phone call waste collection reminders.
- Download your waste collection calendar to your personal iCal, Google Calendar or Microsoft Outlook calendar.
- Print your own collection calendar.

The new 2015 Halton Region Guide & Waste Collection Calendar will be distributed to all houses in mid-January 2015.

Halton Waste Management Site

will be closed Thursday, December 25, 2014 and Thursday, January 1, 2015

Regular Operating Hours
Open Monday to Saturday • 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
5400 Regional Road 25, Milton

Get Involved, Share Your Ideas

Halton Regional Council is currently inviting applications from members of the community to fill positions on the following agencies, boards and committees:

- Halton Region Accessibility Advisory Committee
- Halton Waste Management Site Advisory Committee
- Joint Municipal Regional Waste Management Advisory Committee
- Royal Botanical Gardens Board of Directors
- Greater Toronto Airports Authority Board of Directors*

These citizen appointments give Halton residents from a variety of backgrounds the opportunity to contribute their skills and perspectives to enhance the quality of life in our community. This appointment term expires on November 30, 2018.*

Regional Council wishes to ensure that its boards and committees reflect the diverse nature of its community and invites all residents of Halton to consider these opportunities. An Interview Committee of Regional Council will recommend qualified candidates for these positions to Regional Council.

Details of these opportunities and application forms are available on our website Halton.ca/advisorycommittees, by email to regionalclerk@halton.ca, or from the Office of the Regional Clerk, Halton Region, 1151 Bronte Road, Oakville, during business hours from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Completed applications must be received at the Office of the Regional Clerk no later than **Friday, January 23, 2015** at 4:30 p.m. Completed forms may be submitted online, by mail or by fax to 905-825-8838.

Karyn Bennett
Regional Clerk

*The term for the Greater Toronto Airports Authority Board of Directors begins in May 2015 and expires in May 2018.

Be safe on the roads this holiday season

The festive season is in full swing for many of us and our thoughts have turned to family gatherings, holiday events, and last-minute shopping. While this is an exciting and busy time of year, please take a few moments to also think about winter road safety.

If you are going out and plan on drinking, know your limits. Appoint a designated driver; take a taxi or public transit; or stay overnight. As our partners at Halton Regional Police ramp up efforts to watch for impaired drivers, let’s all do our part to keep Halton a safe place to live.

Happy holidays everyone!



Gary Carr
Regional Chair

Halton Regional Meeting Schedule

Meetings can be viewed at Halton.ca/meetings

Dec 24 - Jan 2

Halton Regional Centre closed for the holidays

Please contact us, as soon as possible, if you have any accessibility needs at Halton Region events or meetings.