

For the average homeowner, taxes will go up \$92

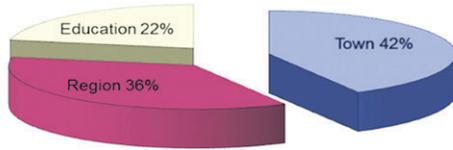
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with the Region (36 per cent) and education (22 per cent) making up the rest.

Included in the operating budget are the hiring of two new full-time firefighters at a cost of \$168,500, and an Assistant Deputy Chief (\$143,500). The two additional firefighters will result in the implementation of a 24/7 full-time emergency response from the headquarters station.

Other items in the budget include a senior building inspector (\$99,100 funded by permit fee revenue) and facility maintenance staff (Hillsview Georgetown) (\$20,800). Four additional hours each week for the libraries in Georgetown (1 to 5 p.m. Mondays) and Acton (1 to 5 p.m. Sundays during the school year) was approved at a cost of \$20,100.

The hiring on an interim basis of a Policy Advisor to the CAO was put forward by Regional Councillor Clark Somerville for inclusion in the 2015 budget. The \$133,500



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salary was to be paid using the expected \$45,000 in fuel savings from lower oil costs and various funding sources. The position was to be evaluated before including it in the 2016 budget.

However, council members weren't eager to support Somerville's motion saying they wanted specific information on where the money would come from to pay the salary and a more detailed job description.

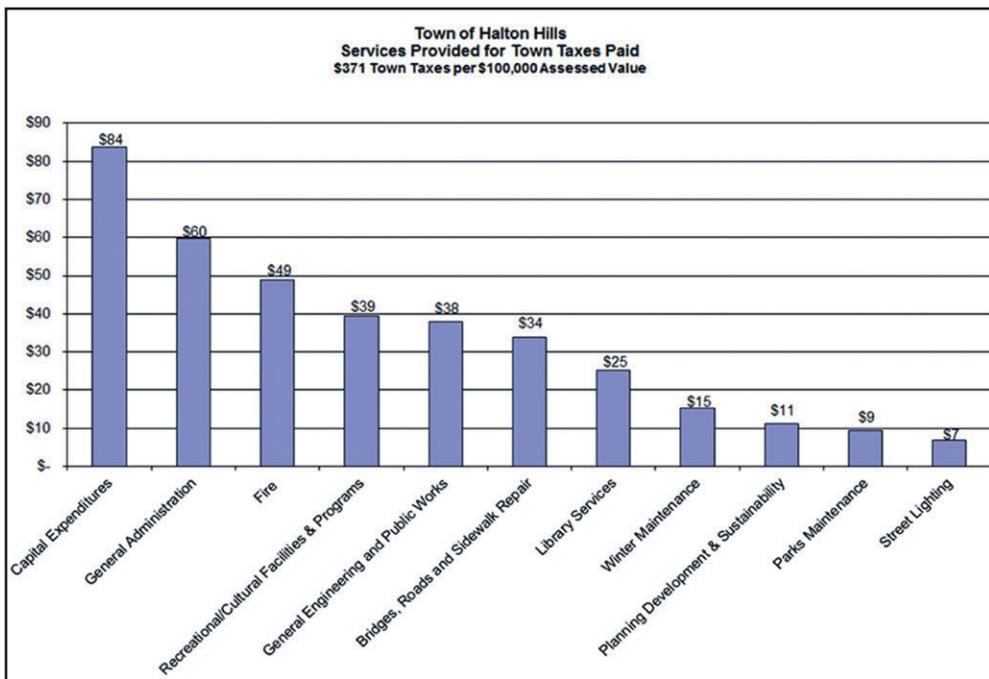
After hearing the concerns Somerville withdrew the motion saying, "I don't think

PROPERTY TAX IMPACT 2015 OPERATING BUDGET (PER \$100,000 OF RESIDENTIAL ASSESSMENT)

	2014 final budget	2015 preliminary budget	\$ change	%change
TOWN	\$371	\$389	\$18	4.9%
REGION	\$328	\$333	\$5	1.6%
EDUCATION	\$203	\$203	\$0	0.0%
TOTAL	\$902	\$925	\$23	2.6%

Notes: Proposed regional budget scheduled to be approved Jan. 28; education rates are unavailable at this time.

To calculate the total tax increase on a home assessed at \$400,000, multiply by four the total dollar change: \$23X4= \$92.



this is going to fly."

He then put forward another motion, which was supported by committee members, referring the matter to the Corporate Affairs Committee for a report from the CAO.

Patricia Farley of Architectural Conservancy of Ontario-Halton Hills asked budget committee to include the hiring of a heritage planner in the budget, but that wasn't supported.

BUDGET NOTES

- The Capital Budget of \$10,533,100 was approved at the Jan. 12 council meeting.
- Top five most expensive capital projects in 2015 will be: \$2.2 million for pavement management projects— for resurfacing Stockman, Irwin and Dawson Crescents, Sherman Crt., Airedale, Allen

Rd., Wildwood Rd., Lucinda Place and Hale Dr.: \$1.2 million for reconstructing Wildwood Rd. from Oakridge Rd. to Ontario St. including the installation of new sidewalks; \$798,000 to replace Infrastructure Services equipment including a tandem truck, loader and mechanical sweeper; \$572,000 for reconstruction of Mill St. W. in Acton; \$350,000 to resurface Five Sideroad from Fourth to Fifth Line.

- Assessment grew by 1.4% generating \$440,000
- Fuel and asphalt costs increased by \$113,000
- Sale of surplus properties— Memorial, Civic Centre may help pay for the acquisition of land for the Gellert Centre expansion, to help limit debt issuance for that future project.

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