

Reflecting on our efforts in the past year

The House of Commons is adjourned until September and Members of Parliament are in their local communities, talking to constituents and assessing the year that was. I am enjoying the opportunity to meet with many of you and hear your feedback on a number of issues.

A year after the election is a good time to reflect on the work of government that has taken place since then.

A number of things have been accomplished since the last election. For example, despite having faced one of the worst global recessions since the 1930s, Canada is today internationally recognized for our strong economic leadership and sound fiscal policy. In fact, we have the strongest fiscal position in the G-7 and are amongst the best financial prospects in the G-20. As it stands, Canada is on track to achieving a balanced budget in the medium term, and achieving a budget surplus by 2015-16.

Since July 2009, we have created nearly 760,000 net new jobs and have fully recovered all of the jobs lost during the recession. This is a result of significant investments by our government, such as the Hiring Credit for Small Business and adjustments to the Work-Sharing program.

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However, the government has also faced tough decisions in order to ensure the effectiveness of some federal programs. In order to protect its long-term sustainability, we made number of necessary changes to the Old Age Security (OAS) and Employment Insurance (EI) programs. Changes are also being introduced to the pensions of public servants and parliamentarians.

In the case of OAS, the government needed to take action to address Canada's rapidly changing demographics and ensure that the program could support future generations of retirees. Changes made to the EI program are intended to help create jobs by providing more incentives for Canadians to accept available employment.

Having made a number of prudent and measured decisions, and having achieved a number of successes, the government also recognizes areas for improvement.

For example, after the Department of National Defence released its estimated costs for buying the F-35s, the Auditor General said that the government should have also provided the operating costs, which includes jet fuel, oil, consumables, and pilot salaries.

While these costs are associated with any aircraft (including our current CF-18s), the government accepted the Auditor General's conclusions and will include these figures moving forward. The government has also taken additional steps to exceed the Auditor General's recommendations, including a 7-point plan that responds to the Auditor General's report.

This example highlights the important role played by arms-length bodies, such as the Auditor General. Moving forward, we will continue supporting Canadians while exercising fiscal prudence. While no government is perfect, I am optimistic that Canada is on the right track regarding the number one concern of local residents: economic growth and job creation. The government will continue building upon our successes when Parliament reconvenes.

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NOTICE OF THE PASSING OF DEVELOPMENT CHARGES BY-LAW BY THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF HALTON HILLS

TAKE NOTICE that on July 9, 2012, the Council of the Town of Halton Hills passed Development Charges By-Law No. 2012-0056 under Section 2 of the Development Charges Act, 1997 with respect to the development charges. By-law No. 2012-0056 will come into force and effect on September 1, 2012.

AND TAKE NOTICE that any person or organization may appeal the by-law to the Ontario Municipal Board under Section 14 of the Act by filing with the Clerk of the Town of Halton Hills, no later than 4:30 p.m. on August 20, 2012, a notice of appeal setting out the objection to the by-law and the reasons supporting the objection.

Development charges are levied against new development and are the primary source for funding growth-related capital expenditures. Town capital services include library, fire, recreation and park, public works, parking, general government, roads and related, and stormwater management. The development charges imposed by the by-law are as follows:

SCHEDULE OF DEVELOPMENT CHARGES BY SERVICE CATEGORY EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1, 2012

Service	Residential Charge By Unit Type				Non-Residential Charge per Square Metre of Gross Floor Area	
	Singles/Semis	Multiples	Apartments	Special Care or Needs / Accessory Unit	Industrial	Non-Industrial
Library Services	\$ 838	\$ 583	\$ 385	\$ 244	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Fire Department	\$ 775	\$ 539	\$ 356	\$ 226	\$ 2.91	\$ 2.91
Recreation and Parks	\$ 5,334	\$3,709	\$2,449	\$1,555	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Public Works	\$ 901	\$ 626	\$ 414	\$ 263	\$ 3.37	\$ 3.37
Parking	\$ 218	\$ 151	\$ 100	\$ 63	\$ 0.81	\$ 0.81
General Government	\$ 386	\$ 268	\$ 177	\$ 112	\$ 1.45	\$ 1.45
Roads and Related	\$ 3,956	\$2,751	\$1,816	\$1,153	\$ 8.54	\$33.56
Stormwater Management	\$ 659	\$ 459	\$ 303	\$ 192	\$ 2.19	\$ 2.19
TOTAL TOWN-WIDE CHARGE	\$13,067	\$9,086	\$6,000	\$3,808	\$19.27	\$44.29

The By-law levies the residential and non-residential development charges against all lands, buildings or structures within the Town of Halton Hills. As the By-law applies to all lands within the Town of Halton Hills, a key map has not been included in this notice.

A copy of the complete by-law is available for examination during regular business hours (weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) in the Office of the Clerk at Halton Hills Civic Centre: 1 Halton Hills Drive, Halton Hills, ON, L7G 5G2

Dated at the Town of Halton Hills, July 10, 2012

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WAY BACK WHEN...

The Wild things people have done to hang on to their teeth are enough to make your molars ache!

Chances are, you brushed your teeth today...probably with a pleasant, minty paste. How would you enjoy using wine vinegar and pumice instead, like the Egyptians did or how about Roman style tooth powders of ground eggshells, bones, crabs, animals hooves and lizard livers mixed with a little honey to make it real tasty? Hippocrates, the famous Greek, cleaned his teeth with a powder of burnt hare's head and three mice.

The wild things people have done through the ages to care for and hang on to their teeth are enough to make your molars

ache!! And it's no wonder that so many people have dentures today. In the old days, dentists did not have the bedside manner they do today! And not to mention the dreaded drill they used, without any freezing, as they pumped the drill speed with their foot, creating a less than even spin!! Ouchhhhhhhh! It's really no wonder that people were scared to death of dentists!!! They have come a long way since the torture days, thank goodness!! At least when Denturists work on your teeth, you can just take them out and hand them over!!! Much easier!

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By Cory Soal
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... Lend Me Your Ears

A diminished social life is one of the most difficult aspects of age related hearing loss. Many people avoid drawing attention to their hearing loss by having fewer social contracts when it becomes difficult understanding what is being said. The result is an altered and lonely existence that family and friends may mistake for dementia.

Learning new strategies to cope with hearing loss could go a long way to restoring confidence and improving communication. The Hearing Clinic recommends the following: Inform people of the hearing loss so they may modify their speech; eliminate background noise; watch the speaker carefully and sharpen natural lip-reading abilities; ask the speaker to repeat what was said if necessary, and above all else; have your hearing thoroughly tested and properly fit with one of today's modern hearing instruments. Contact The Hearing Clinic if you or someone you know needs assistance.

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