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Town Operating Surplus nears a million dollars

By Nelia Raposo Special to The IFP

The Town of Halton Hills has moved nearly \$1 million into reserves.

Council approved Corporate Affairs Committee recommendations that the final surplus funds be distributed as follows:

- Tax Rate Stabilization Reserve \$162,506
- Ontario Municipal Board Hearing Reserve \$100,000
- Building Repair and Maintenance Reserve \$366,597
- Severe Weather Event Reserve \$131,135
 - Library Capital Reserve \$11,043

Add it all up and that s an operating budget surplus of \$771,281 - a decrease of \$1,166 over the preliminary surplus of \$772,447 — according to the town's annual



audit, which was complete as of Dec. 31,

It was also recommended that any future interest income earnings above the budgeted amount be transferred to the technology reserve. In 2015, the amount transferred to the Technology Replacement Reserve in advance of determining the final operating surplus was \$708,792.

After council approved these recommendations at its last meeting, Mayor Rick Bonnette said, "and now you know where the surplus money goes.

Halton Police continue to watch truck prohibitions and weight

One of the more common traffic complaints received by Halton Regional Police's District Response Unit in Milton concerns commercial motor vehicles avoiding the scales on the 401 and driving on roads that prohibit them.

Another concern is that some commercial motor vehicles operate on roads where they obviously exceed the posted weight limits.

In order to effectively deal with this problem that causes damage to our municipal roads and places road users and residents at risk, police want to remind the community that enforcement remains a priority for officers within the towns of Milton and Halton Hills.

In partnership with the engineering departments of the Town of Milton and Halton Hills mobile weigh scales have been assigned to police vehicles being operated by trained commercial motor vehicle officers.

These officers target their patrol based on information they receive from members of the public, town staff and a police risk assessment process. This means that resources are in the right place at the right times in order to address the risk and lay charges when appropriate.

To report individual driver behaviour, residents can complete a Road Watch complaint at www.haltonpolice.ca or contact the Milton office to report a concern directly at 905-878-5511 ext. 3128.

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