

Halton to install five red-light cameras in 2018

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More red-light cameras are headed to the region.

On Dec. 6, commissioner of planning and public works Jim Harnum told committee the upcoming budget details for the department. In his presentation, he explained road capital financing has increased by \$1.7 million to address rising state-of-good-repair needs. Road maintenance contracts increased by \$396,000, or 3.4 per cent. Hydro has increased by \$131,000, where money will be allocated for traffic signals and street lighting. A \$85,000 figure has been added to the budget to make way for a road operations safety technician. Lastly, waste management has increased by \$490,000 to accept plastic bags and film in the Blue Box.

According to Harnum, five red-light cameras will be installed in the region in

2018. Currently, 17 red-light cameras are installed on regional roads, with some at local intersections.

During his presentation, Harnum went over five key components which outlined the overall budget: water, and the completion of the long-term water meter strategy report, and automated meter reading, as well as replacing 12,500 pulse meters and large meters to increase bill accuracy; wastewater, by addressing climate change and continuing the downspout disconnection program; roads, and the development of an advanced transportation management system to improve the flow of traffic on regional roads, and the LED conversion for street lights; waste management, by reviewing the new solid waste master plan and to begin accepting plastic bags and film in the Blue Box; and infrastructure, by developing and implementing an asset management plan and begin

the development of an integrated water, wastewater and transportation master plan.

According to Harnum, accepting plastic bags in the Blue Box program is a convoluted issue. Halton Hills Coun. Clark Somerville praised the program, hoping to see it integrated sooner rather than later.

Harnum also told committee the region had projected 35 kilometres of roads to be resurfaced in 2017, but only five kilometres of that was completed. In 2018, the region is expecting 32 kilometres of resurfacing to be accomplished.

During his presentation, Harnum told committee Halton continues to maintain high waste diversion rates, which is extending the life of the landfill. They also heard the tonnage of Green Bin material has been reduced, households in the region are producing less garbage, or solid waste.

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