

# Somerville tops pay list for Regional councillors

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Halton Regional Chair Gary Carr earned about \$207,376 in salaries, benefits and expenses last year, according to Regional documents released last week.

Carr, who has been the Regional chair since 2006, received about \$198,158 in salary and benefits, \$4,606 in conference expenses and \$4,612 in car mileage and other expenses in 2012.

Among Regional Councillors, Halton Hills Councillor Clark Somerville was the biggest earner at a total of \$67,840—\$51,322 in salary and benefits, \$14,272 in conference expenses and \$2,246 in car mileage and other expenses.

About \$11,405 of the conference expenses, however, are related to Somerville's duties as the Halton representative on the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Board of Directors. He also took part in the FCM On-

tario Caucus election and the FCM Rural Forum.

Milton Mayor Gord Krantz earned the least with a total of \$49,047—\$45,873 in salaries and benefits, \$2,746 in conference expenses and \$428 in car mileage and other expenses.

Burlington Councillors Rick Craven, Jack Dennison and John Taylor and Milton Councillor Tony Lambert didn't have any conference expenses while Oakville Councillors Cathy Duddeck, Jeff Knoll and Alan Johnston and Burlington Mayor Rick Goldring didn't claim any car mileage and other expenses.

Goldring, Craven, Marianne Meed Ward, Dennison, Taylor, Paul Sharman, Blair Lancaster, Oakville Mayor Rob Burton, Johnston, Duddeck, Keith Bird, Allan Elgar, Knoll, Tom Adams, Lambert, Colin Best, Halton Hills Mayor Rick Bonnette, and Jane Fogal) earned between \$52,000 and \$58,000 last year.



**CLARK SOMERVILLE**

## It's construction season: Stay informed

With the arrival of spring, residents in the Town of Halton Hills will begin seeing more Building a Better Halton signs on local roads.

The signs let you know that construction is about to begin in the area and also act as a reminder of the Region's commitment to the maintenance and expansion of water, wastewater and transportation infrastructure.

Residents have said that infrastructure planning and construction is a key priority and Halton Region is listening. Here are some of the more than 15 Building a Better Halton construction projects that will occur in the Town of Halton Hills in 2013.

- Improvement projects at the Davidson Well and Fourth Line Well in Acton, and installation of a new standby well at Lindsay Court in Georgetown.

- Watermain and wastewater main replacement on Charles Street and Prince Charles Drive in Georgetown.

- The widening of Steeles Avenue to four lanes between Trafalgar Road and Winston Churchill Boulevard, and between James Snow Parkway and Trafalgar Road.

- Intersection improvements at Trafalgar Road and Five Sideroad.

To learn more about Regional construction projects in your neighbour-



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hood or along your commute route, visit [www.halton.ca/construction](http://www.halton.ca/construction). You'll find project information listed by city or town, alerts for road closures and lane restrictions, maps of the project areas, and links to your local municipality's construction information.

Your patience is truly appreciated as we work to make Halton Region an even better place to live, work, raise a family and retire.

Stay informed about Regional construction work taking place in the Steeles Avenue corridor. Read the latest issue of Construction Update—Steeles Avenue online or subscribe to future e-newsletters at [www.halton.ca/ConstructionUpdate](http://www.halton.ca/ConstructionUpdate).

—Gary Carr is the chair of Halton Region

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