Halton Hills mayor and council getting a raise

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It's a bit of give and take.

After the province passed Bill C-44 last year, which revokes the one-third tax-exempt allowance from mayors and councillors across Ontario, municipalities are looking to revise the pay scales for their elected officials.

"It will have a direct negative impact on net pay of all members of council," said Marianne Love, of ML Consulting, commissioned to study the pay of Halton Hills officials in comparison to neighbouring municipalities.

She found that the position of mayor is paid 17.8 per cent lower than the comparators and councillors were paid on average 13.6 per cent lower.

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For councillors, their compensation is set to change from $31,555 to $39,668.

Mayor Rick Bonnette made a request to amend a portion of the motion; he took issue with the increase in pay for the mayor's position being more than the increase of council.

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He requested his position have a 10.7 per cent price adjustment, just like the council positions, so that it is $102,253, instead of $114,783.

The one-third tax exempt allowance will be removed on Jan. 1, 2019

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