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... Lend Me Your Ears

COMMON QUESTIONS ABOUT TINNITUS - PART 1 WHAT IS IT?

Tinnitus is a subjective experience where one hears a sound, ringing or noise when no external physical sound is present. Some call it "head noises", "ear ringing," or other similar things.

WHAT CAUSES IT?

There are many causes; indeed almost everything that can go wrong with the ear has Tinnitus associated with it as a symptom. Things as simple as wax against the eardrum to very serious items such as tumors on the 7th facial nerve can produce Tinnitus. Meniere's disease has Tinnitus associated with it. One of the most common causes of Tinnitus is exposure to excessively loud sounds such as shooting, chain saws, rock concerts, or other loud noises.

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HALTON BUDGET APPROVED WITH 2.2 PER CENT TAX INCREASE

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Regional council has approved next year's Halton budget, with pandemic-related costs continuing to drive the municipality's spending.

The 2022 financial plan for the region includes a two-per-cent property tax increase for regional services and 2.5-per-cent hike for the Halton Regional Police Service.

Combined, the overall increase on the Halton portion of your tax bill is 2.2 per cent, which translates into an additional \$5.85 per \$100,000 of the assessed value of your home.

So if your home is currently assessed at \$500,000, this equates to a \$29.25 tax increase in taxes paid to

Halton Region.

Regional Chair Gary Carr said the budget will "help ensure that we can continue to assist residents and businesses throughout the ongoing impacts of COVID-19."

"The budget also delivers on our commitment to keep the property tax increase for regional services at or below the rate of inflation while preserving our top credit rating and the high quality of life in our community."

AMONG THE KEY BUDGET DRIVERS ARE:

- COVID-19 response: \$13.9 million for additional costs in public health, paramedic services, long-term care, children's services and housing, in addition to facility and technology-related costs. The majority of



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Halton's COVID-19 response is among the biggest ticket items in next year's budget.

this cost is funded by the federal and provincial Safe Restart Agreement and COVID-19 funding for municipalities, resulting in a net cost to taxpayers of \$711,000.

- State of Good Repair program: \$6.4 million increase in transfers to support the water and wastewater state of good repair capital program.

- Housing services: \$2.1 million budget increase in the Halton rental assistance program to support an increased number of rent supplement units. The amount will be offset by one-time funding, with a \$573,000 net cost to taxpayers.

- Public health and long-term care: \$2 million to provide needed capacity, partially funded by anticipated provincial dollars, leaving a net cost to taxpayers of \$751,000.

- Halton's digital strategy: \$1.3 million to transform Halton business processes and services to ensure complete, high-quality online service delivery.

Halton also manages the region's water and sewer services and sets the annual rates. For 2022, the rate will rise by 2.8 per cent for both services, or \$28 more for a typical household for the year.

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