

Oakville releases 2005 budget discussion documents

Oakville's 2005 Budget discussion documents are now available. Over the next five weeks, Council, staff and members of the public will have a chance to examine and comment on the Town's budget proposals before Council makes its final decision next month.

According to the discussion documents, the projected tax increase is 5.5%. This means residential property taxes will increase by \$19 per year for each \$100,000 of assessment (\$52 per year for \$275,000 of residential assessment). The increase is \$27 per year per \$100,000 of commercial assessment. This tax increase will maintain current level of service and increase funding to priority areas such as transportation and the environment.

Investments in the Town's infrastructure and transportation network such as roads, parks and trails, sewers, and transit are critical to maintaining the quality of life currently enjoyed by residents. Consequently, the Town plans to spend \$78 million (48%) of the combined operating and capital budget of \$162 million on these services. The budget also accommodates future policy discussions by the Council regarding Transit service levels and standards in light of the new gas tax revenue.

"All programs and services are worthwhile investments; however, we have to make informed and balanced decisions. Results of the 2004 Citizen Survey have been an invaluable tool in helping Council to understand the needs and concerns of Oakville's residents," noted this year's Budget Committee Chair, Councillor Janice

Wright. "The Town recognizes the importance of maintaining its existing level of service. It's this commitment that makes Oakville an ideal location to call home," added Councillor Wright.

The Budget Committee will meet several times over the coming weeks to receive citizen input and debate 2005 funding decisions. Meeting dates announced by the Town are:

- November 10 - Staff presentations
- November 11 - Staff Presentation and Public Delegations
- November 22, 23, 24 - Budget Committee Deliberations
- December 6 - Council Deliberations

Additional meetings will be scheduled as needed. In addition, residents are being invited to contact Kathy Patrick, Committee Coordinator at kpatrick@oakville.ca or (905) 845-6601 ext. 4235 to be listed as a delegation or to provide comments to the Budget Committee for consideration. Town staff will ensure that all submissions, whether in person or in writing, are brought forward to the Budget Committee to be considered as part of their budget deliberations.

"Residents are invited to have their say on Oakville's 2005 budget proposals," said Councillor Janice Wright. "The more feedback we receive, the more informed decisions we can make. We welcome input in person or in writing."

Residents can either pick up a copy of the documents at Town Hall or visit www.oakville.ca for online access to the budget materials. Residents can also email their comments to budget2005@oakville.ca.

Milton Council Notes

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Proclamations: Remembrance Week & Royal Canadian Legion Tag Days: October 29 – November 11, 2004.

Crime Prevention Week: November 3-9, 2004; Restorative Justice Week: November 14-21, 2004; Navy League Tag Days: December 3-5 and 17-19, 2004.

Remembrance Day: Remembrance Day Parades will be held Sunday, November 7th, 1:45 pm at the Haltonville Soldiers Memorial on Guelph Line, and Sunday November 14th, 1:30 pm at the Victoria Park Cenotaph in Milton.

Construction: Traffic Signal Installation at Steeles Avenue & Lawson Road, Oct. 12-Nov. 5. Resurfacing: Britannia Road from Trafalgar Rd. to Regional Rd. 25, October 4-19

Business Licensing By-law: Council will hold a statutory Public Meeting on the proposed business licensing by-law at the Administration & Planning Committee meeting of November 15th. The proposed by-law is available on the Town website.

Community Fund: In a recorded vote, Council defeated a Motion of Reconsideration of the Community Fund grant to the Conservation Halton Foundation. Council approved a \$10,000 grant to Arts Milton for a 2005 Arts Festival. CSAC will consider 19 proposals requesting more than \$311,000 in the second half of this year's program at upcoming meetings. \$148,254 remains available.

Lowndes Quarry Proposal: Council has been formally notified and is currently studying this application. Staff is consulting with other Agencies and Municipalities and will be reporting to Council at a future meeting.

Guelph Water Taking: Councillor Barry Lee has been appointed to the City of Guelph Well Interference Committee to review complaints resulting from the City of Guelph's increased water taking from the Arkell Spring Grounds and, where appropriate, recommend compensation to residents for well interference. Councillor Cindy Lunau is the alternate representative.

Animal Control By-law: Council defeated a Notice of Motion that would have removed a 'leash length' condition. (The By-law requires a leash of 2 meters or 7 feet.) The final by-law also includes a recommended provision that pit bulls not be allowed off secured fenced private property unless muzzled and on a leash.

Train Whistling: Council agreed to eliminate train whistling at CP Railway level crossings at Fourth Line, Fifth Line, and Sixth Line. (These are crossings south of Hwy. 401, east of Regional Rd. 25.)

5 Sideroad Gravel Pit: Staff continues to work with Campbellville Sand and Gravel to resolve community concerns. A Charge has been laid as a result of mud tracking onto 5 Sideroad.

Rural Community Concerns: The recent Community Forum hosted by Halton Regional Chairman Joyce Savoline and Halton Police Chief Ean Algar offered rural residents an opportunity to discuss their issues. Chairman Savoline & Chief Algar suggested that local Community Consultation Committees are working on many of these same issues. The Nassagaweya Community Consultation Committee (NCCC) meets the third Monday of each month (November 15th) at 10 a.m. at the Nassagaweya Community Centre in Brookville. New members welcome.

New Operations Yard: Council authorized staff to initiate a property search & evaluate potential sites for a new Operations Yard to replace the current facility at Nippissing Road. The new location might also consider other needs including transit, hydro and animal control.

150th Anniversary: Milton turns 150 in 2007. Initial plans are underway to establish budgets & special events.

Gas Tax Refund: The Provincial Government has advised Milton that it will receive \$154,255 as its allocation of the gas tax to support transit, based on 1 cent per litre.

Parking Tickets: By the end of the year, the public will be able to pay for parking tickets online at Milton.ca.

Taxicab & Limousine Licensing By-law: After many delegations and much discussion, this new by-law was deferred for revisions. Key points would allow for the licensing of 10 new permits this year and a review of the effects of the by-law after one year.

Halton Seniors' Directory: Published by Halton Region's Elderly Services Advisory Committee (ESAC), this guide to Agencies & Services is now available through Info Milton (Milton Community Resource Centre, 917 Nippissing Rd. Milton) and Halton Region.

Greenbelt Act: The Province will host two public meetings in Halton to receive feedback on the Proposed Greenbelt Plan and Act. Meetings will be held in Oakville on Wednesday, Nov. 10 in Burlington on Tuesday, Nov. 16 from 7-10pm at locations to be announced.

Website: Council agendas and minutes are posted on the Town's web site. This site also includes other useful and interesting information about Town events, services, press releases and reports. www.milton.ca.

Representatives: Phone numbers and email address for the Mayor and Councillors are available on the Town's Web Site or by phone. Town Hall 905-878-7211 or 1-800-418-5494. Region of Halton 905-825-6000 or 1-866-442-5866.

(These notes are intended to provide a snapshot of Milton Council happenings, rather than opinions. Further information can be obtained – and comments shared – through elected representatives, town staff and the Town website.)



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Proposed Business Licensing By-law

As required by the *Municipal Act*, 2001, the Town of Milton will hold a public meeting to outline and receive input on the proposed business licensing by-law on Monday, November 15, 2004 at 7:30p.m. in the Council Chambers at Town Hall.

The Town proposes to license the following businesses:

- Personal service businesses including acupuncture, hair cutting, manicure and nail treatments, electrolysis, aesthetics, tattooing and micro-pigmentation, body piercing, and ear piercing
- Pawnbrokers
- Transient traders including day sales, seasonal sales, door to door sales, antique/collectible shows, craft shows, manufacturing shows, and flea markets
- Commercial refreshment vehicles including catering trucks, ice cream trucks and bikes, yoghurt and juice carts, hot dog carts and chip trucks
- Auctioneers
- Salvage yards
- Second hand dealers
- Food sales
- Kennels

The draft by-law is available on line at www.milton.ca, or at the Clerk's Office, Town of Milton, 43 Brown Street, Milton. If you have any questions please contact Selena Campbell, Licensing Administrator, at 878-7252 ext. 2133.

NOTICE OF SURPLUS OF LAND

Notice is hereby given that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Milton intends to declare the western portion of 147 Mary Street as surplus to the Town's needs for the purpose of consolidation of the Town's holdings on 147 Mary Street, and to clarify access rights on this property.

This notice is provided pursuant to Section 268(3) of The Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c. 25, as amended, and in accordance with Town of Milton Property Disposal By-law No. 34-95.

Further information with respect to the aforementioned Notice may be obtained from the Deputy Clerk, Town of Milton, 43 Brown Street, Milton, Ontario (905) 878-7252, extension 2109.

Dated at the Town of Milton this 5th day of November 2004.

Troy McHarg
Town Clerk