

Town's expenses continue to rise

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- a predicted assessment growth of 3 per cent— translating to \$680,000. This year assessment growth grew by 3.7 per cent and 4.4 per cent in 2006.
 - an average 3 per cent increase (\$50,000) increase in general user fees for recreation programs
 - an \$800,000 impact resulting from compensation, salaries and benefits
 - a 3 per cent increase (\$97,500) for materials and supplies such as fuels, tires, office supplies and library books. Asphalt costs have risen by 10 per cent
 - a \$19,500 increase for utilities (a 3% decrease in natural gas costs but a 5% increase in water services)
 - contributions to new equipment, repairs and maintenance and other types of reserves were also increased.
 - an additional \$120,000 has been included in the Public Works budget for roads, sidewalks, and park maintenance related to growth.
- In 2007, each taxpayer's \$980 tax dollars were distributed this way:
- \$155 to fire services
 - \$134 to general engineering, public works and building services
 - \$133 to recreation and cultural facilities and programs
 - \$133 to bridges, roads and sidewalk repair

- \$131 for general administration
- \$111 for capital expenditures
- \$73 for library services
- \$46 for winter maintenance
- \$27 for parks maintenance
- \$25 for planning and development
- \$13 for street lighting.

Town council votes down all-way stop at intersection

Halton Hills council recently voted against an all-way stop sign at the intersection of Meadowglen Blvd. and Herb Wild Street in Georgetown.

At the request of residents in the area, Councillor Moya Johnson asked Town staff to look into the feasibility of a stop sign at the intersection. A speed study completed recently showed the average speed of drivers in the area was well below the 50 km/h limit.

A staff report on the results of a study done to analyze the need for a four-way stop read, "there is so little incidence of approaching traffic streams conflicting with each other...that almost all of the traffic exiting Herb Wild did not even come to an almost stop before entering the intersection....That is because a yield sign condition is all that is required... at this point in time."

Town staff is to monitor traffic in the area and look into traffic calming measures to possibly be implemented on Meadowglen Blvd.

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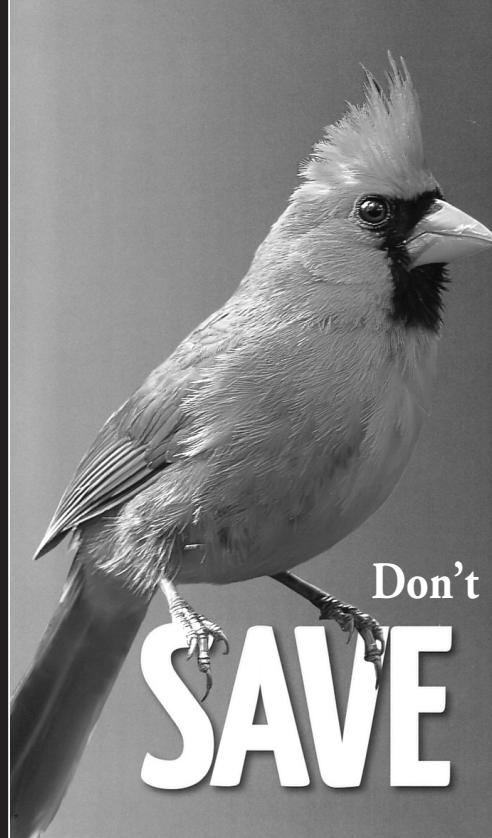


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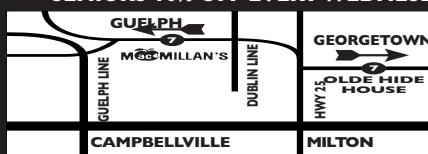
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