

Wicked winter weather plays havoc with Town's Public Works budget

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A snowy winter to date has resulted in the Town of Halton Hills' Public Works department overspending its 2007 budget.

According to a summary of the 2007 operating and capital budget, the winter control budget has been overspent by \$276,000—including \$150,000 for salt.

The parking lots maintenance budget has also been overspent by \$11,000 due to the severe winter weather. As well, Old Man

Winter has caused an overdraft in the boundary road maintenance agreements for 32 Sideroad and Winston Churchill Blvd.

The Public Works department also overspent its litter and debris program allocation by \$29,000, due mainly to graffiti removal.

The capital budget has also been overspent on a number of projects: \$161,000 for the Acton Agricultural building, \$120,100 for Mountainview Rd. surface improvement; \$40,200 for the pavement management program; \$28,500 for Churchill Rd. S. reconstruction and park improvements \$22,300.

Take a look back at 2007

Website now boasts slide shows

Do you have some fond memories of 2007? Would you like to take a photographic look back at the year just past? Then check out the new slide show feature on *The Independent & Free Press* website at www.independentfreepress.com.

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The year in review features a

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