

\$50 tax hike approved...

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surplus, there would be a tax savings this year, but cautioned they would have to find that same amount for next year's budget, just to remain level. He also said that in a bad winter, they could exceed the budget.

DeSouza said that they carry over an opening balance of \$325,000, subtracted from the surplus, each year. He said this year's surplus would be "small", less than

\$175,000 once the opening balance is removed.

O'Leary did not make a formal motion and no action was taken on the snow plowing budget surplus.

Rookie Georgetown Councillor John Duncan attempted to cut the hiring of two full-time firefighters from the fire department budget, but his motion lost on a 6-4 vote.

An earlier council voted

to hire four full-time firefighters each year until the department is up to full-time strength, in 20 to 25 years.

Duncan said they all want a safe community, but with a .9 per cent increase in call volume, he can't support a 14.4 per cent fire budget increase and only hiring two firefighters this year would save \$273,000.

Mayor Rick Bonnette, noting that fire safety was the top issue in a public survey, voted against cutting the fire budget "even though it (the budget increase) hurts."

With a \$750,000 price tag, budget committee members rejected an attempt by Ward Two Councillor Joan Robson to get a sidewalk built next year in Glen Williams from Bishop Court to Confederation Street.

Staff will investigate if savings could be found by building a multi-use walkway.



LOST IS FOUND: Teacher Ms. Younger, and MSB's new Vice-Principal, Mrs. C. Reist, are portrayed here with a group of students who have made a new Lost and Found box for the school. Students did a great job making the box, and teachers hope it will help others locate those pesky missing items.

Region increase \$56...

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33%.

Halton Council also voted to freeze 2007 GTA Pooling payments for 2007 at the 2006 actual funding level, of approximately \$41.2 million. The Province re-

quires Halton to provide funding to help offset costs for the City of Toronto, for providing social assistance and social housing to their residents. This GTA Pooling transfer payment, which was mandated by the Province

in 1998, was intended to be temporary.

Key initiatives in the 2007 Budget include:

- Expand public health services – almost \$1.7 million (gross operating costs) in new public health infrastructure.

- Provide Affordable and Accessible Housing – \$2.7 million in capital expenditures to implement the first phase of the Region's Comprehensive Housing Strategy.

- Continue to provide sustainable water and wastewater infrastructure – \$9.6 million in increased capital project financing to address replacement/upgrade needs.

- Increase waste diversion – \$4 million in gross operating expenditures to increase the diversion of waste through continuing a pilot program to collect organic waste (the GreenCart program), and to undertake a business case study and community consultation to consider an Energy from Waste (EFW) business opportunity.

- Manage Halton's growth – \$2.0 million in capital costs to develop Halton's Response to the Place to Grow Plan (Durable Halton).

- Improve quality of regional roads – by increasing road resurfacing expenditures by an additional \$1.7 million in one-time funding.

- Improve community access – \$776,540 in gross expenditures to implement 211 and 311 telephone service.

- Support vulnerable citizens – an additional \$400,000 to improve the quality of life for residents of Halton.

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