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# Good and bad assessment figures

While the numbers aren't great, the tax ratios shifted slightly last year, giving homeowners a bit of a break at tax time.

The Town depends on taxes generated from the assessments on properties to pay for programs and services. With a mainly residential assessment base – which is the

case in Halton Hills – homeowners are required to pay more property taxes.

The ratio in Halton Hills is 89 per cent residential and 10.4 per cent commercial/industrial.

At a recent council meeting, Mayor Rick Bonnette deemed the assessment ratio “sort

of good news and bad news.” He said the good news is that the non-industrial (residential) assessment has increased since 2007, and is over 10 per cent. The bad news is that the ratio is the lowest in Halton, and probably the lowest non-residential rate in the GTA.

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