

'Sunshine List' growing

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The number of public officials serving Milton and Halton who are earning more than \$100,000 continues to grow, according to the 'Sunshine List' public sector salary disclosure released by Ontario's Ministry of Finance last week.

The list, which doesn't include federal employees, is dominated by officials in the health and education sectors, though three of Halton Region's employees are also near the top of the list.

Among the highest paid is John Oliver, president and CEO of Halton Healthcare Services (HHS), which operates Milton District Hospital as well as hospitals in Oakville and Georgetown. Oliver earned almost \$635,000 in 2008 in salary and taxable benefits, about \$95,000 more than in 2007. That salary, though, didn't even put Oliver in the top 10 of Ontario's highest paid hospital presidents.

You have to pay to keep them: MPP

Halton MPP Ted Chudleigh said while he's concerned about salaries paid to all employees in hospitals, he realizes the issue of supply and demand pushes salaries up for top executives.

"When you're (they're) good and at the top of your (their) game... we have to pay them to keep them," Chudleigh said. "A good CEO can save you his salary many times over in a year.

"In my experience, John Oliver is one of the top organizers," he added.

Combined, the top five HHS employees earned close to \$1.8 million in 2008, a 15 per cent increase over 2007. In total, 80 employees of HHS made the list in 2008, double the number from 2007. Among the list were 19 registered nurses and 12 patient care managers.

Another top earning health official serving Halton was William MacLeod, CEO of the Province's Local Health Integration Network for Mississauga-Halton. MacLeod

took in about \$284,000 last year.

Halton Region's top earning employee was Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) Pat Moyle, who earned about \$250,000 in salaries and benefits. Close behind were the Region's Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Bob Nosal, at about \$219,000 and Police Chief Gary Crowell at \$215,000.

In 2008, 147 regional employees earned 100k, an increase of 22 from the previous year. Just over half of those employees are from the police force.

At the local level, the number of Town of Milton employees making the list increased to 22 from 14. The highest earner was CAO Mario Belvedere at about \$182,000 in salary and benefits.

The number of school board employees topping six figures also increased in 2008, mainly due to the entry of more school principals and vice-principals on the list.

Halton's public school board had 139 employees on the list, 46 more than the previous year, led by Director Wayne Joudrie at about \$217,000. The list included 73 principals and 18 vice-principals.

At the Catholic school board, 61 employees were on the list, 46 of whom were principals. That's an increase of 13 from the previous year. Luciano Piovesan, the board's director of education, was the highest paid at about \$200,000 in salary and benefits.

Only two Milton political representatives made the cut. Regional Chair Gary Carr earned about \$155,000 in 2008 in salary and benefits while Halton MPP Ted Chudleigh took in about \$126,000. The Province recently announced that salaries for MPPs would be frozen this year.

Milton Mayor Gord Krantz didn't make the Sunshine List as he earns a salary from two separate employees — the Town of Milton and Halton Region. In total, though, Krantz's combined salaries and benefits from both municipalities was about \$106,000.

Milton Fire Chief Brian Ellsworth earned about \$131,000 while Deputy Chief Dave Krantz took in \$117,000.

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Many don't want bailout

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a support package for the automotive sector. She noted many constituents, though, have told her Milton office they aren't in favour of an industry bailout.

"But there's a lot of downstream effects (of the sector crashing)," said Raitt, who was in town Monday to hype the federal government's expanded summer job program for students.

Raitt said part of the challenge for the auto parts manufacturing companies is to "think about how to retool" and move into manufacturing for other sectors, such as the emergent green energy sector.

"I have great faith in these companies to transform themselves internally," she said.

Raitt said Milton could benefit from the government's \$1 billion, two-year Community Adjustment Fund, which is designed to mitigate the short-term impacts of restructuring in communities.

The money will be distributed through regional development agencies.

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The Niagara Escarpment Planning and Development Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. N-2

The Niagara Escarpment Commission has initiated an amendment to the Niagara Escarpment Plan.

Amendment No. 178 proposes:

To undertake a general amendment to the Niagara Escarpment Plan (NEP) to harmonize the objective, policies and definitions with respect to the protection of species at risk habitat currently within the NEP with those of the *Endangered Species Act (ESA), 2007*. The Amendment will also address housekeeping matters including modifications to language pertaining to species at risk habitat, wildlife habitat and fish habitat.

A copy of the proposed Amendment together with background information may be examined online or at the office of the:

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Written comments and submissions may be made to the Niagara Escarpment Commission until June 8, 2009 at the address noted above.

For additional information, please contact Lisa Grbinicek at (905) 877-2512 or lisa.grbinicek@ontario.ca.



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