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## Councillors debate pay hike issue

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Councillor Clark Somerville put forth the motion that he and his colleagues should receive no pay hike next year, for a savings of \$17,000. It doesn't apply to salaries regional councillors also receive from the local municipalities they represent.

"It's a pittance but I think it's a symbolic pittance," said Halton Hills Mayor Rick Bonnette Monday.

Somerville said his recommendation wasn't based on recent media coverage that councillors were in line for a cost-of-living increase on January 1. Rather, he said it followed the pay freezes the local council of Halton Hills voted for itself this year and for 2010.

Somerville had been on the other side of the fence in 2008 when he voted in favour of a raise for regional councillors in 2009. The hike was described as a market adjustment to the salaries of regional council members to bring them to the average of what their counterparts made in other regional municipalities. It was in line with recommendations made by a citizens review committee, which meets once every two years to vote on guidelines for the remuneration of council members.

Oakville Councillor Tom Adams didn't support the motion at the budget committee, arguing politicians were again trying to second guess recommendations made by the citizens committee.

"I think it's just playing games," said Adams, noting the issue of compensation for council members was given to citizens so that it wouldn't have to be a "political football."

"I don't think it's playing games," responded Burlington Councillor John Taylor. "I think these are extraordinary times and our citizens are suffering."

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