

Region forced to go on major chopping spree

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 In addition to the spending cuts, the province expects to see a \$2 billion saving through its so-called social contract negotiations, geared to limiting remuneration for Ontario's 900,000 civil servants. On top of that, \$2.5 billion will be raised through new taxes and selling provincial assets.
 The \$4 billion provincial spending cutback alone is expected to cost municipal governments across Ontario \$191 million as Queen's Park funding ebbs. Unconditional provin-

cial grants to municipalities will be slashed by \$110 million. Road subsidies are to be pared by \$47 million. There is a host of smaller cuts — everything from ambulance service funding to recreation grants.
 On top of the \$191 million loss, municipalities will be expected to absorb \$285 million of the anticipated \$2 billion spending cut through the social contract negotiations.
 While the social contract exercise is geared to long-term cost control, there are trade-offs to sweeten the

pot for workers affected. Municipalities would, for example, be expected to reallocate 2 per cent of their payrolls for "golden handshake" layoff benefits and worker retraining.
 In Halton, the provincial \$191 million general expenses cutback will mean coping with a loss of \$1.7 million in 1993.
 Additionally, in a worst-case scenario, if the social contract talks with reluctant unions blow up in the provincial government's face, Halton could face as much as \$3.7 more

in cutbacks. That would happen if all the reductions the province had anticipated through negotiations with the unions were instead foisted entirely on municipal governments.
 At present Halton plans to have all its departments, as well as the boards and agencies it funds, reduce expenditures by 2 per cent from their current 1993 budgets, regional treasurer Joe Rinaldo said.
 Milton Mayor Gord Krantz was the first to proclaim that he won't ask the public for more property taxes to cover any shortfalls from

what he called downloading — the word used in political circles to describe shuffling off higher-level government spending to lower echelons.
 "I have no intention of passing through this downloading to the property tax base, at the local or regional level. I will have no part of it whatsoever," Mr. Krantz said.
 Burlington Mayor Walter Mulkevic agreed, as did Oakville councillor Kevin Flynn. "I don't intend to raise property taxes," Mr. Flynn said. "It's a whole new ball game and the rules have changed."
 Mr. Burke did not rule out laying off Halton staff members, saying it was one of many areas that had to be examined. Mr. Flynn said cutbacks "may mean shutting down a whole department we think we can do without."
 "There will be street level impacts on services as a result of this," Mr. Burke warned.
 And there will be more tough medicine to come from the province, Mr. Rinaldo predicted. The annual provincial deficit, even with the cuts, is still \$10 billion, he pointed out. "They're going to come at it again and again."

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