

Proposed budget being driven by several factors, says Scinocca

housing, heritage programs and emergency management and economic development. In addition to regional services, on the average, Halton residents can expect to see their water bills increase by 4.9 per cent or \$42 next year. Water and wastewater services aren't supported by property taxes under provincial orders.

Scinocca said the proposed budget is being driven by several factors such as investments to maintain existing infrastructure, connecting people with services, maintaining finan-

cial stability, economic growth and adapting to climate change.

In terms of connecting people with services, the proposed budget includes \$1 million for paramedic services, \$652,000 for housing providers, \$641,000 for waste management, \$306,000 for rent geared to income subsidy, \$306,000 for enhanced customer service response, \$250,000 for a comprehensive housing strategy, \$224,000 for communicable disease control and \$200,000 for crisis prevention.

To maintain existing infrastructure, staff is recommending that \$5.7 million be spent to ensure the Region's existing and aging water and wastewater remains in a state of good repair as well as an additional \$1.3 million for the ongoing maintenance of the water and wastewater infrastructure. Another \$1 million each is being recommended for transportation and road resurfacing needs.

A servicing plan pilot project costing \$1 million for each municipality is also being recommended, councillors learned.

"Maintaining a sufficient supply of serviceable employment land is critical to attracting and retaining businesses, which adds to a community's long term assessment and employment base," Scinocca said.

"The goal of the pilot project is to assist the Region and the local municipality in ensuring that employment land is investment ready and that urban growth centres have the necessary infrastructure identified for intensification," Scinocca said. "The costs will be recovered by future development charges."

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Man charged following attempted theft

A Brampton man has been charged in connection with an attempted theft of money from a refreshment kiosk at the Milton GO Station.

Halton police say on December 17 they were called to the Main Street GO Station after a theft suspect was confronted by an employee. Police say they located a suspect at a nearby

gas station.

Lionel Wallace, 27, is charged with theft under \$5,000 and failing to comply with recognition.

He was scheduled to appear for a bail hearing last week.

Anyone with information on this incident is asked to call (905) 825-4747, ext. 2415.

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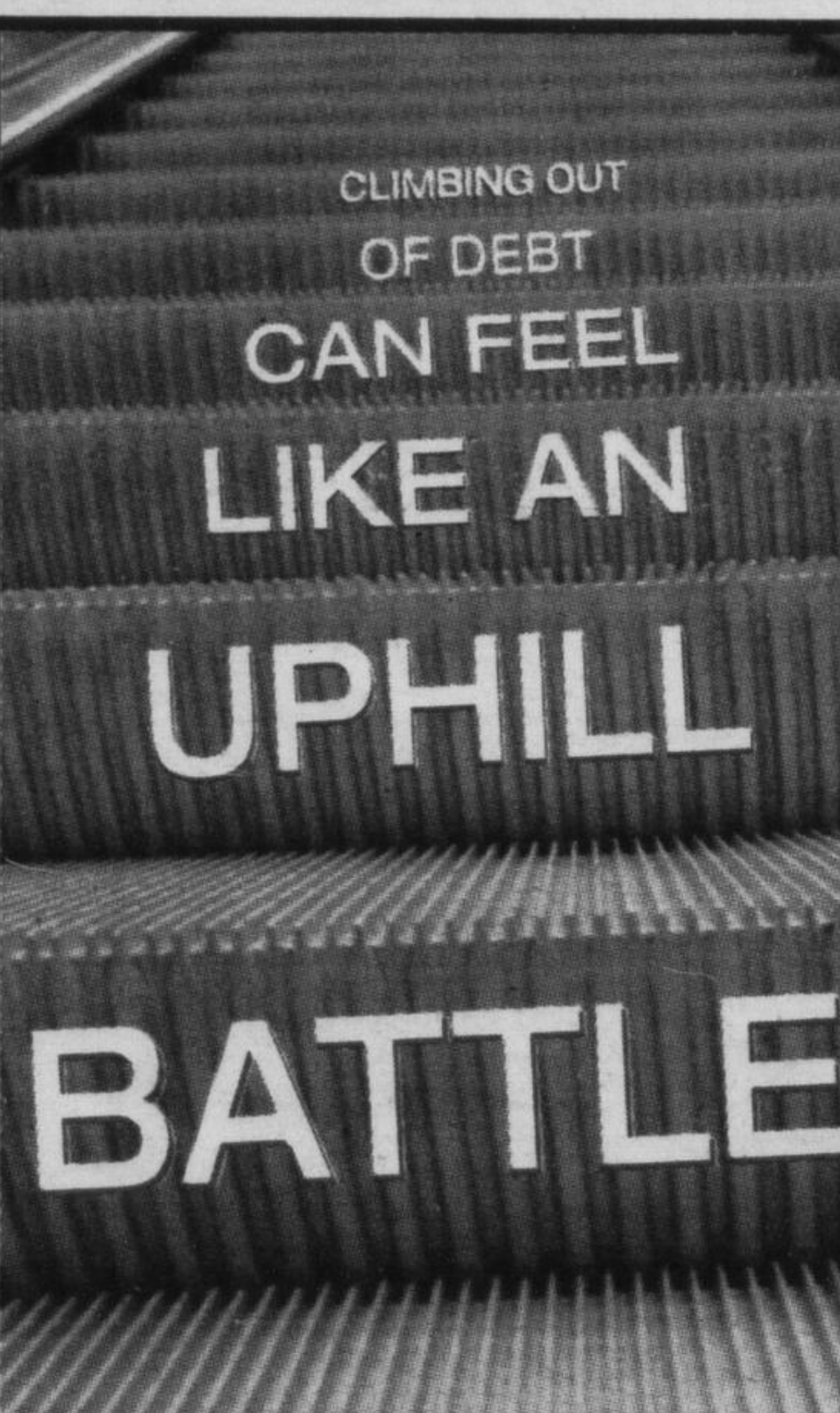
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