

Nearly 40 region employees have \$100,000-plus salaries

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The number of York Region employees earning more than \$100,000 annually grew substantially last year.

Salaries of the region's top-paid officials were released Tuesday under the Public Sector Salary Disclosure Act.

The list of York employees in the \$100,000-a-year club grew in 2001 by 17, to 39. Figures for 2000 show 22

employees among those whose salaries must be disclosed under provisions of the act.

The increasing number of staff in the \$100,000 category can be attributed to a number of causes.

For instance, four police superintendents crossed the threshold in 2001 and nine regional directors saw their wages rise because of annual increases written in their contracts.

And some new hirings for top positions — including in public transit and planning — required upper-end salaries.

Salaries for the region's top bureaucrats range from \$102,000 plus benefits, for department directors, to \$136,000 and more for commissioners of departments such as planning, works and social services.

The top-paid employee is chief administrative officer Alan Wells, who oversees all departments and administrative functions.

Mr. Wells, who is retiring in a couple of months, was paid \$172,542 in salary and \$10,244 in taxable benefits in 2001, an increase over the \$152,284 he was paid in 2000.

York Regional Police Chief Robert Middaugh pulled down \$153,387 in salary and \$5,992 in benefits for 2001, compared to \$116,044 in salary the previous year.

The third-highest paid regional official was Dr. Helena Jaczek, commissioner of health and chief medical officer of health.

She made \$142,473 in salary and \$8,564 in taxable benefits in 2001, after being paid a salary of \$126,426 in 2000.

And regional chairperson Bill Fisch was paid \$139,799 in salary and \$9,070 in benefits for 2001, compared to \$126,365 in 2000.

Some other top wage earners:

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Joann Simmons, social services and housing commissioner, \$137,603 in salary and \$8,564 in benefits;

Finance commissioner and treasurer Sandra Cartwright, \$137,603 (\$8,459 in benefits);

Corporate and legal services commissioner Phyllis Carlyle, \$136,642 (\$8,564);

Kees Schipper, commissioner of transportation and works, \$136,281 (\$11,117);

Planning commissioner Bryan Tuckey, \$131,013 (\$8,559);

James Davidson, commissioner of human resources, \$129,463 (\$8,545);

Troy Herrick, associate medical officer of health, \$129,619 (\$376);

Deputy police chief Terence Kelly, \$125,301 (\$1,772) and deputy chief Armand Labarge, \$126,598 (\$6,088).

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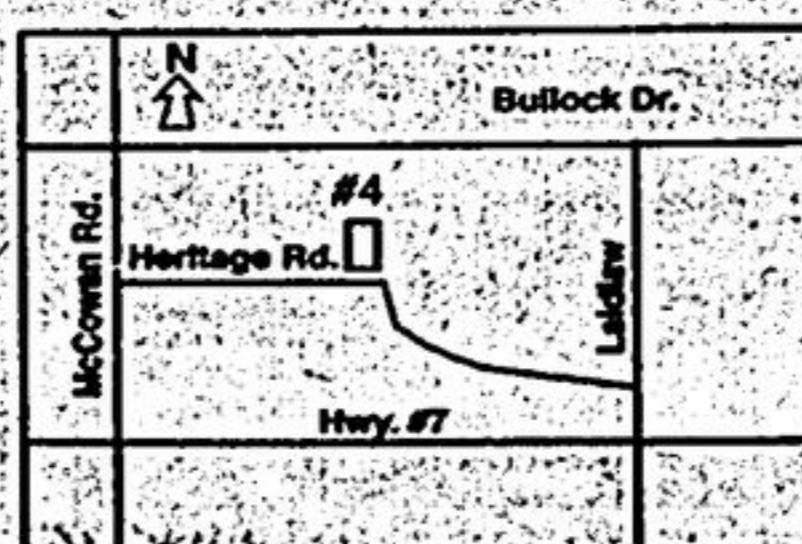


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