



**TOWN OF
GEORGINA**

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2005 Final Tax Billing Information Residential and Farm Properties

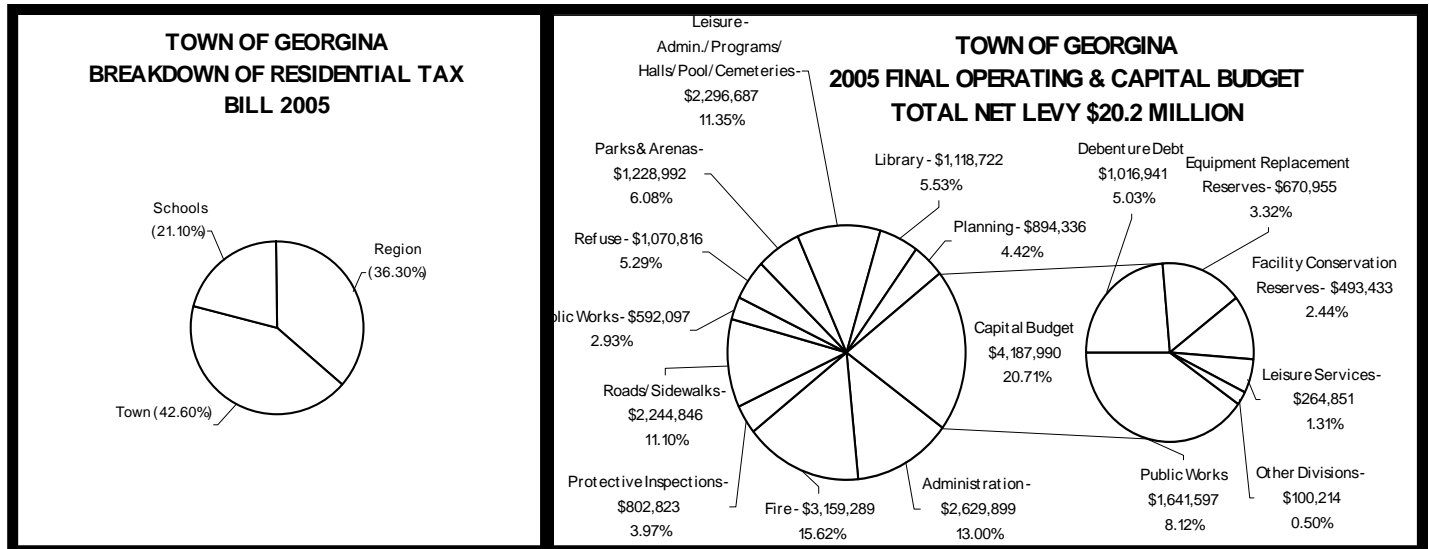
Dear Property Owner:

Enclosed with this brochure you will find your 2005 Final Tax Billing, which is payable in two installments, the first on July 28, 2005 and the second on September 28, 2005.

Your property tax bill is comprised of taxes levied by the Town of Georgina, Region of York and the Ministry of Education. The calculation of your property tax amount is determined by multiplying the current market value of your property by the applicable tax rate. We have provided on the last page of this brochure all 2005 tax rates for the Town of Georgina, Region of York and Ministry of Education.

The Town of Georgina collects your entire property tax bill. The following graphs demonstrate the distribution of your tax bill and how your Georgina taxes are spent.

Should you require any further information on the Municipal budget or tax rates, please contact the **Tax Office** at the telephone numbers above. A message from the Georgina Mayor Robert Grossi and from the Region of York regarding the 2005 budgets has been included in this brochure for additional information. Inquiries regarding Regional or Educational tax rates should be directed to the appropriate levying body.



For information purposes, inquiries regarding the current market value of your property should be directed to the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) at 1-866-296-6722. The next province-wide assessment update will take place during 2005, and the assessed values of all properties in Ontario will be updated to a January 1, 2005 valuation date. The revised current market value will be used to calculate your 2006 taxes. Every property owner in Ontario will receive an Assessment Notice in the fall of 2005. Please visit MPAC's website at www.mpac.on.ca for additional information.

David Reddon
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Tax Collector

Stan Armstrong
C.A.O./Director of Administrative Services
and Treasurer

STATEMENT ON THE 2005 BUDGET BY
ROBERT GROSSI,
MAYOR OF THE TOWN OF GEORGINA

On behalf of the Council of the Town of Georgina, I would like to take this opportunity to advise you of the outcome of the 2005 Budget process and the affect it will have on your property tax bill.

The Council of the Town of Georgina adopted the 2005 Operating and Capital Budget for the Town of Georgina on April 4, 2005. For the average single-family residential property, this budget when combined with the requirements of the Region of York and the Provincial Education levy resulted in a combined tax rate increase of 5.96% or \$142.47 over that levied in 2004.

Your Council and Town staff have again worked diligently through many budget deliberations, in order to provide significant improvements in the areas of fire protection, leisure services, including youth and senior centres, and the growing needs of information technology. For more specific information, please visit our website at www.town.georgina.on.ca or contact the Tax/Water Division.

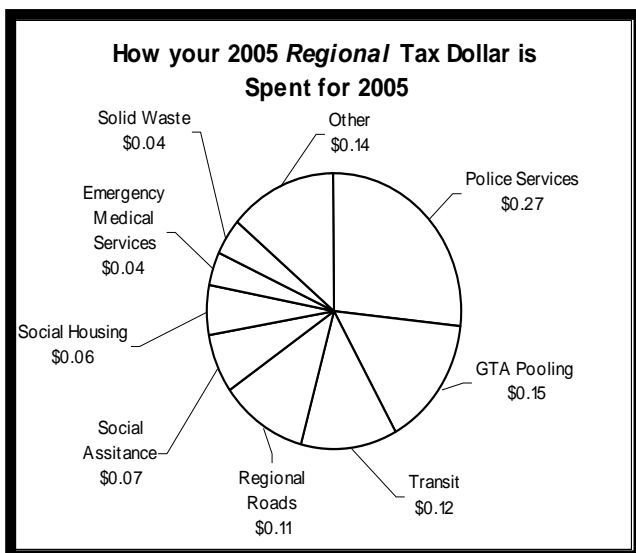
In closing, your Council and I remain committed to budgetary review and controls to protect the current level of services in the most cost efficient manner for all of our residents.

Robert Grossi, Mayor

MESSAGE FROM THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF YORK

Regional Council has approved a budget of over \$1.56 billion for 2005. Operating expenditures are projected at \$985.6 million, 63% of the budget, and \$577 million or 37% of the budget for capital expenditures. Of total expenditures, \$568.1 million or 36.4% of the budget is funded through the property tax levy, a 5.3% tax increase over the previous year after assessment growth of 5%.

The tax levy increase includes \$18.5 million for York Region Transit and VIVA Rapid Transit to add 52,500 additional service hours; \$12.5 million for Police Services to hire 67 Police Officers, 35 civilian personnel, and to support cost increases; \$7.2 million for the Region's share of GTA pooled social housing and social assistance; \$3.3 million to enhance roads resurfacing and maintain the 3,381 lane kilometres of roads; and \$2.0 million for Emergency Medical Services, adding a new ambulance and six paramedics and providing 8,900 additional vehicle service hours.



Further information on the York Region budget for 2005 can be obtained by following this internet link:

<http://www.region.york.on.ca/Regional+Government/Budgets/>

SENIORS, LOW-INCOME SENIORS & LOW-INCOME DISABLED PERSONS PROPERTY TAX**DEFERRAL PROGRAM****General Information**

To be eligible for either a total or partial tax deferral, the property owner must be a senior citizen who is at least 65 years of age, or a low-income senior between the ages of 55-64, or a low-income disabled person (as determined below).

- ⇒ **SENIORS 65 AND OLDER**
- Seniors must provide documentation to verify their proof of age
- **The amount eligible for an annual deferral is the tax increase for 2005**
- ⇒ **LOW-INCOME SENIORS 55 - 64**
- Low-Income Seniors must provide documentation to verify their proof of age and
- That they meet the following income criteria:
 - Single** \$23,000 or less
 - Family of 2 or more persons** \$40,000 or less
- **The amount eligible for an annual deferral is the tax increase in excess of \$300 for 2005**
- ⇒ **LOW-INCOME DISABLED**
- Disabled persons must provide documentation to verify that they are in receipt of benefits under one of the following programs:
 - Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP) or in receipt of disability amounts under the Social Assistance Reform Act **or**
 - Guaranteed Annual Income System (GAINS) for the Disabled **and** be eligible to claim a disability amount as defined under the *Income Tax Act* (Canada)
- **The amount eligible for an annual deferral is the tax increase for 2005**

The property for which the taxes are payable must be located in York Region and must be owned by an eligible senior or disabled person as a principal residence on January 1 of the eligible year. The cumulative amount of the deferred and outstanding taxes cannot exceed 75 % of the assessed value of the property. All deferred taxes become payable upon disposition or transfer of the property except for a transfer of ownership to a spouse.

SENIORS AND DISABLED PERSONS MUST APPLY ANNUALLY FOR THE TAX DEFERRAL BY SEPTEMBER 30 OF EACH TAXATION YEAR FOR WHICH A DEFERRAL IS REQUESTED - APPLICATIONS AND FURTHER INFORMATION ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE TOWN OF GEORGINA TAX OFFICE.

REBATES FOR PROPERTY TAXES FOR VACANCIES IN COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL BUILDINGS**General Information**

Application may be made for a rebate of property taxes for vacancies in commercial or industrial buildings. **Specific** criteria must be met to qualify, seasonal commercial or industrial properties do not qualify. Applications and guidelines are available at the Town of Georgina Tax and Water Division or by visiting our website at www.town.georgina.on.ca . **APPLICATIONS MUST BE COMPLETED NO LATER THAN FEBRUARY 28, 2006 FOR THE 2005 TAXATION YEAR.**

PRE-AUTHORIZED TAX PAYMENT PLAN

The Town offers a monthly pre-authorized tax payment plan. Current taxes and arrears may be accepted to participate in this plan. Applications are available from the Tax Office or on the Town website at www.town.georgina.on.ca. For further information please contact the Tax Office.

NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNERS TO DESTROY NOXIOUS WEEDS

Notice is hereby given to all persons in possession of land in accordance with the Weed Control Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.W.5, Sections 3, 16 and 23. Every person is hereby advised that unless noxious weeds growing on their lands within the Town of Georgina, in the Regional Municipality of York are destroyed prior to June 15, 2005, and throughout the season thereafter, the weed inspector may enter upon the said lands and take such action as is necessary to destroy the weeds. All costs incurred for such action shall be charged against the lands, and such amounts shall be collected in the same manner as taxes under the Municipal Act, R.S.O. 2001.

Dandelions and Golden Rod are not noxious weeds under the Weed Act.

For further information, contact the By-law Enforcement Division at (905) 476-4301, ext. 279.

