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## 2007 Final Tax Billing Information Residential and Farm Properties

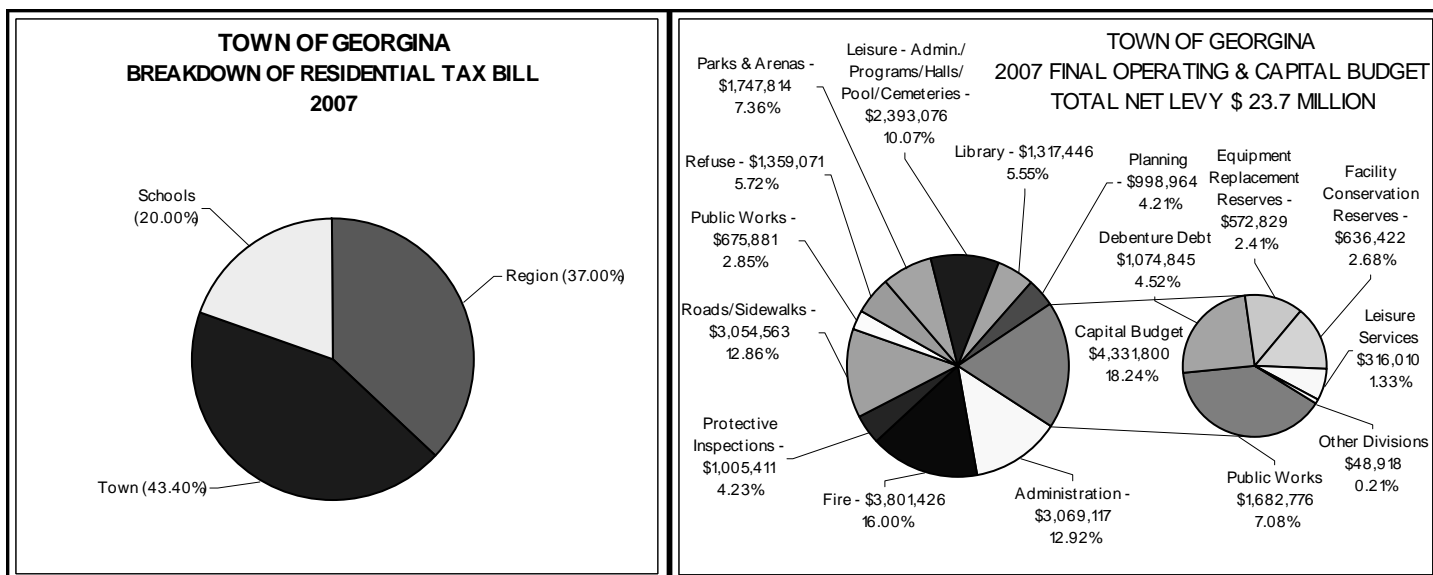


Dear Property Owner:

Enclosed with this brochure you will find your 2007 Final Tax Billing, which is payable in two installments, the first on July 26, 2007 and the second on September 27, 2007.

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 2007 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 Georgina Mayor Robert Grossi and from the Region of York regarding the 2007 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. Please visit MPAC's website at [www.mpac.ca](http://www.mpac.ca) for additional information.

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**STATEMENT ON THE 2007 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 2007 Budget process and the affect it will have on your property tax bill.

The Council of the Town of Georgina adopted the 2007 Operating and Capital Budget for the Town of Georgina on March 5, 2007. For the average single-family non-lakefront residential property assessed at \$ 219,000, 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 4.65% or \$ 130.57 over that levied in 2006.

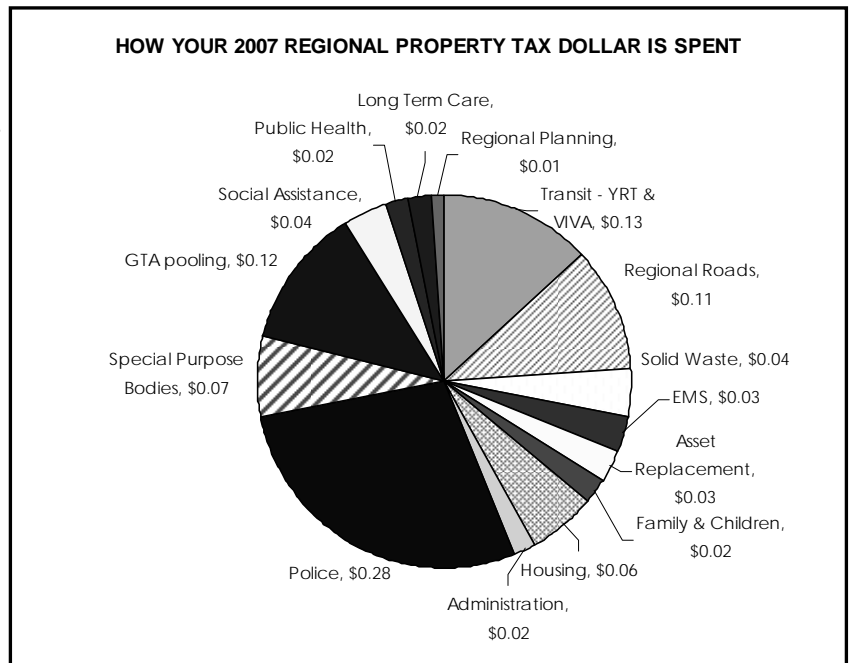
Budgets are never easy and again 2007 was no different. We continue to face the challenges placed before us in meeting all your needs and trying to make responsible, prudent decisions. In 2006, I advised you that we repeatedly have to deal with our forced share of GTA pooled social housing and social assistance costs for the City of Toronto. This is a payment that we make reluctantly on your behalf. Truly, these are costs that should not be borne by you and I. In 2007, the Provincial Government acknowledged requests from both your Regional and Municipal Governments to stop these payments. As a result, the GTA pooling costs will be phased out over the next seven years. Although this still remains a liability for all of us, at least we now know that it will end. For more specific details on the 2007 budget, please go to [www.georgina.ca](http://www.georgina.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 and provide shortcuts where necessary, in the most cost efficient manner for all of our residents. If you have suggestions of ways that we can save money and provide better services please feel free to call us.

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Robert Grossi, Mayor

**MESSAGE FROM THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF YORK FOR 2007**

The Regional Municipality of York's 2007 *Business Plan and Budget* features a continued investment in capital infrastructure, a debt reduction strategy and a capital asset replacement program. The \$1.8 billion budget, which includes a 4.8 per cent tax levy, combines \$1.2 billion for operating costs and \$565 million for capital projects. York Region residents and businesses will benefit from numerous service enhancements, including: 67 new police officers and 35 civilian support staff, continued maintenance for 3,476 lane kilometres of roads and 716 traffic signals, implementation of the source separated organics program to the remaining six local municipalities, 5,500 additional Viva Rapid Transit service hours



**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 2007**
- ⇒ **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 2007**
- ⇒ **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 2007**

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.georgina.ca](http://www.georgina.ca). **APPLICATIONS MUST BE COMPLETED NO LATER THAN FEBRUARY 28, 2008 FOR THE 2007 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.georgina.ca](http://www.georgina.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, 2007, 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.

