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2008 Final Tax Billing Information Residential and Farm Properties

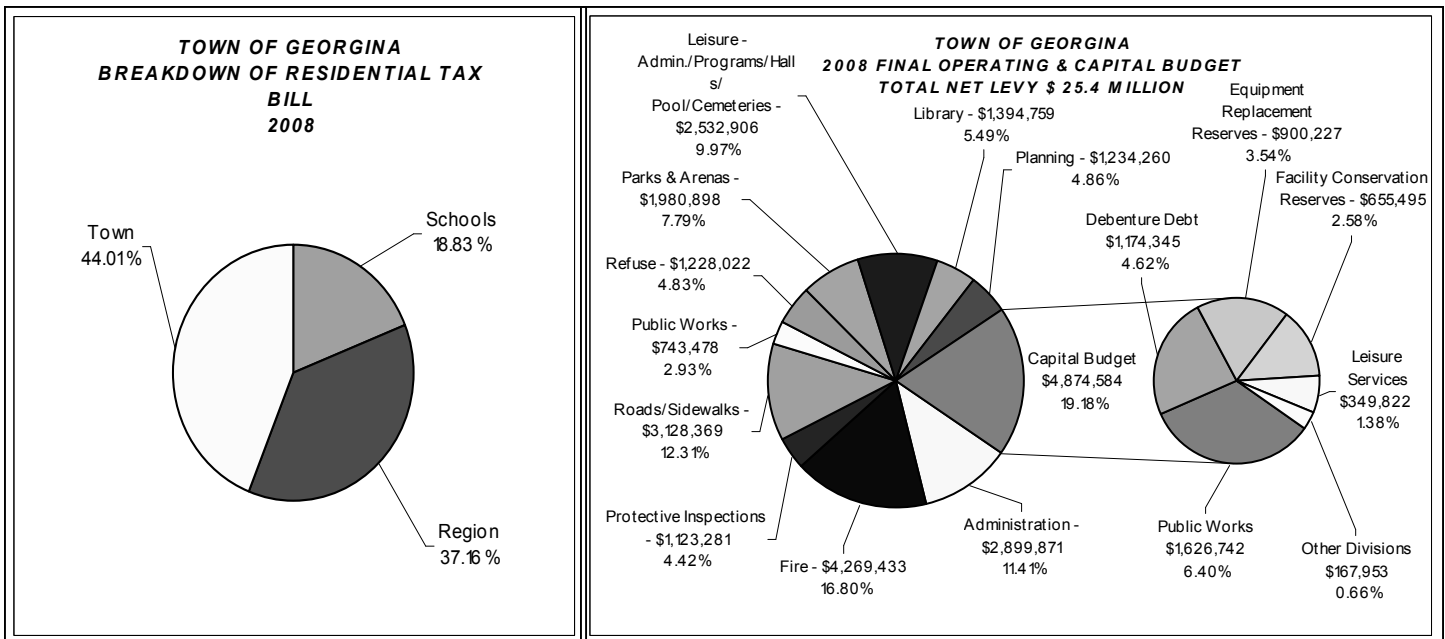


Dear Property Owner:

Enclosed with this brochure you will find your 2008 Final Tax Billing, which is payable in two installments, the first on July 29, 2008 and the second on September 26, 2008.

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 2008 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 2008 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 for additional information.

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STATEMENT ON THE 2008 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 2008 Budget process and the affect it will have on your property tax bill.

The Council of the Town of Georgina adopted the 2008 Operating and Capital Budget for the Town of Georgina on March 3, 2008. For the average single-family residential property assessed at \$219,000, this budget combined with the requirements of the Region of York and the Provincial Education levy resulted in a combined tax increase of 4.04% or \$118.74 over that levied in 2007.

Town Council continues to face the challenges placed before us in meeting all of your needs and trying to make responsible, prudent decisions. The GTA pooling costs that I referred to last year are being phased out over the next seven years. This year, Regional Council decided to apply these monies directly to reducing your tax burden. Over the next few years, our challenges will be to hold the line on taxes and meet the increased demands for hospital funding and many social service needs.

We continue to lead the way with our partnerships with the Georgina Trades Training Inc., Broadband, the Georgina Chamber of Commerce, Red Barn Theatre and Georgina Arts Centre. We are making significant upgrades to our infrastructure and exploring new recreational facilities and working to provide increased levels of service for all of your transit/transportation needs. For specific details on the 2008 budget, please go to www.georgina.ca or contact the Tax/Water Division.

In closing, your Council and I remain committed to budgetary reviews and controls to protect the current level of services and provide enhancements where necessary, in the most cost efficient manner for all of our residents. If you have any suggestions of methods where we can save money and provide better service, please feel free to contact us.

Robert Grossi, Mayor

MESSAGE FROM THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF YORK FOR 2008

The Regional Municipality of York is committed to providing cost effective, quality services that respond to the needs of our rapidly growing communities.

York Regional Council approved a \$1.98 billion Business Plan for 2008 including a \$682 million Capital Budget and a \$1.3 billion Operating Budget.

The 3.9 per cent tax levy increase in the Budget will have an impact of approximately \$72 for the year, or 20 cents a day, for the average York Region home with an assessment value of \$371,070.

The 2008 Budget will provide improved and increased levels of service in a number of important areas, including:

59 additional lane kilometres of Regional roads; two new ambulances; 270 affordable housing units
26 new paramedics and two operational support staff; 67 additional sworn police officers and 35 civilian staff
Four new 9-1-1 call takers / dispatchers; 61,047 additional service hours for YRT and Viva Rapid Transit
Operation of the Dongara waste pelletization plant commencing in July; Construct a Community Environmental Centre in the City of Vaughan

York Region is responsible for the delivery of 13 core services to residents and businesses:

York Regional Police; Regional Transit (YRT/Viva); Emergency Medical Services; Court Services
Regional Roads; Water and Wastewater Treatment; Public Health; Long Term Care; Solid Waste Management
Planning and Economic Development; Family and Children's Services

The Regional Municipality of York's *2008 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 and 51,800 additional YRT 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 2008**

⇒ **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 2008**

⇒ **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 2008**

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. **APPLICATIONS MUST BE COMPLETED NO LATER THAN FEBRUARY 28, 2009 FOR THE 2008 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. 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, 2008, 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.

