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2009 Final Tax Billing Information Residential and Farm Properties

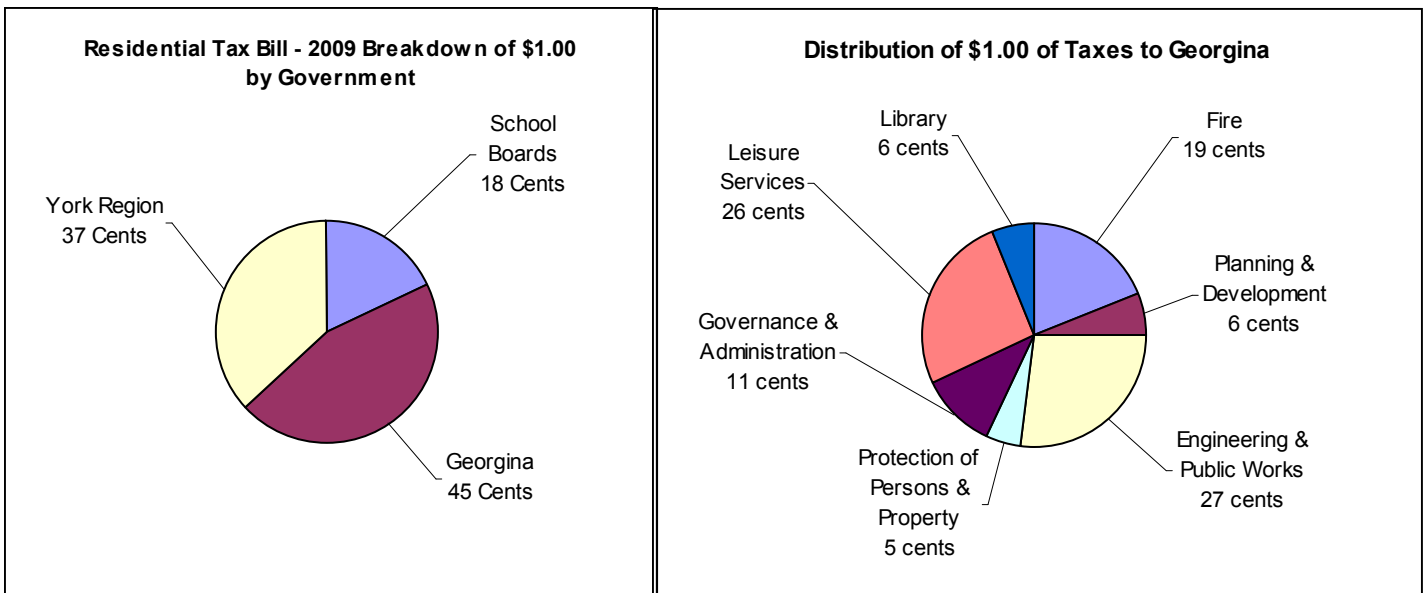


Dear Property Owner:

Your 2009 Final Tax Bill is enclosed. This bill is payable in two installments, the first on July 29, 2009 and the second on September 28, 2009.

Your property tax bill is comprised of taxes levied by the Town of Georgina, the 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 2009 tax rates for the Town of Georgina, the Region of York and the 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 2009 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.

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.

David Reddon
Manager of Taxation and Revenue
Tax Collector

Rebecca Mathewson, CGA
Director of Administrative Services
& Treasurer

STATEMENT ON THE 2009 BUDGET **BY ROBERT GROSSI, MAYOR OF THE TOWN OF GEORGINA**

Our 2009 budget is one that I believe is fiscally responsible yet provides for sustainable service delivery and asset management. These are not easy times and we must constantly be reminded that in many ways, we are providing urban type service in a large rural municipality.

Please remember that the average assessed value of a property in the Town of Georgina is substantially lower than all of our partners in York Region. Yet with increased insurance costs, significant reductions in revenue from investments and the cost of previously negotiated collective agreements, we still managed to make significant investments in reserves and a number of important projects. Our increase of 2.15% will allow us to continue our work with many groups and organizations in providing the best possible facilities to enjoy, including the Ice Palace, Sutton Arena, Georgina Leisure Pool, Civic Centre Recreational Facility as well as our halls, youth centres and many other Town assets.

As I mentioned previously, the GTA pooling costs which we have opposed from its inception, are being phased out, however regionally, we still carry a \$52.9 million burden in 2009. As well, this year Regional Council made a \$12 million investment in hospital infrastructure costs and is considering entering into a multi-year commitment for hospital financing extending to 2031.

Finally, we owe a great deal of gratitude to two of our newest employees now at the Town of Georgina. Our Director of Administrative Services and Treasurer, Rebecca Mathewson, who worked tirelessly to meet her new fiscal challenges head on and our Chief Administrative Officer, Susan Plamondon, who showed us her worth from her first day as the leader of our administrative team.

In closing, your Council and I remain committed to budgetary reviews and controls to protect the current level of services and provide enhancement 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 2009

The Regional Municipality of York is committed to providing cost effective, quality services that respond to the needs of more than one million York Region residents. York Regional Council approved a \$2.4 billion business plan for 2009, including a \$1.04 billion Capital Budget and a \$1.35 billion Operating Budget. The 2.2 per cent tax levy increase in the 2009 Budget will have an impact of approximately \$42 for the year for a York Region home with an assessment value of \$400,000.

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

- \$3.6 million for Community and Health services to provide a new contact centre for Health Connection; increased staffing for long-term care day programs and child and family health programs; a new rent supplement program
- \$2.3 million for York Regional Police to provide 38 additional police officers and 14 civilians
- \$1.6 million for Solid Waste Management to accommodate increased tonnage for blue box recycling, green bin organics and residual waste

The Capital Budget focuses on expanding infrastructure in several areas, including:

- \$398.2 million for Rapid Transit, including to construct the TTC Spadina subway and Yonge Street subway extension
- \$63 million for York Region Transit (YRT), including the purchase of 49 YRT conventional buses and six YRT Mobility Plus specialized buses
- \$380.6 million for water and wastewater projects, including an expansion to the Duffin Creek Water Pollution Control Plant and water supply projects with Peel Region
- \$110.9 million for road resurfacing and maintenance

For more information on the Regional Municipality of York, please visit www.york.ca or call (905) 830-4444.

ONTARIO SENIOR HOMEOWNER'S PROPERTY TAX GRANT

The Province of Ontario introduced, in its March 2008 budget, the Ontario Senior Homeowners' Property Tax Grant. This grant is intended to help offset the property taxes for seniors who own their own home and who have low or modest incomes. The Canada Revenue Agency administers the grant program for Ontario.

For more information on this grant or Ontario Tax Credits call 1-800-337-7222 between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday.

PRE-AUTHORIZED TAX PAYMENT PLAN

The Town offers a monthly pre-authorized tax payment plan. Our pre-authorized tax payment plan is a modern and convenient payment option to make your property tax payments. The plan runs from January to December each year and payments are debited from your bank account on the first business day of each month. You may sign up to participate in the plan at any time during the year and there are no service charges levied by the Town to participate in the plan. Applications are available from the Tax Office or the Town website at www.georgina.ca. If you would like additional information regarding the pre-authorized tax payment plan, please contact the Tax Division.

PROPERTY REASSESSMENT

For 2009, all properties in Ontario were subject to reassessment of their current market value to January 1, 2008 from January 1, 2005. Assessment increases are phased in over the next 4 years at approximately 25% of the increase each year until 2012. The Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) is responsible for determining property values. To inquire about your assessment value, please contact MPAC at 1-866-296-6722.

GENERAL INFORMATION**LAWN WATERING RESTRICTIONS**

TAKE NOTE that lawn watering restrictions are imposed on properties supplied by the Town municipal water system. Your co-operation is requested to ensure a sufficient supply of water is available for domestic, commercial, institutional and fire fighting purposes.

- Watering is only permitted between the hours of 6:00 and 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 and 10:00 p.m.
- Properties with an even house or building number may water lawns on even calendar dates.
- Properties with an odd house or building number may water lawns on odd calendar dates.

New sod may be watered on all days for the first 30 days after being placed.

PAVING OF DRIVEWAYS

A permit is required to be issued by the Public Works Department for the application of asphalt or concrete surface to that portion of driveway on the road allowance of a Town road.

Application for a permit is made at the Civic Centre and there is no fee for such application.

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, 2009, 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 Municipal Law Enforcement Division at (905) 476-4301, Ext. 279.

2009 TAX RATES

Property Class	Town of Georgina	Region of York	Ministry of Education	Total Tax Rate	Property Code
Residential & Farm	.609362%	.500081%	.252000%	1.361443%	RT
Multi-Residential	.609362%	.500081%	.252000%	1.361443%	MT
Commercial	.735500%	.603598%	1.385926%	2.725024%	CT/ ST
Vacant Commercial	.514850%	.422518%	.970148%	1.907516%	CU/ SU
Excess Commercial	.514850%	.422518%	.970148%	1.907516%	CX
Industrial	.837080%	.686961%	1.552479%	3.076520%	IT/LT
Vacant Industrial	.544102%	.446525%	1.009111%	1.999738%	IU
Excess Industrial	.544102%	.446525%	1.009111%	1.999738%	IX
Pipelines	.560003%	.459574%	1.694514%	2.714091%	PT
Farmland	.152340%	.125020%	.0630000%	.340360%	FT
Managed Forest	.152340%	.125020%	.0630000%	.340360%	TT

Common Assessment Codes (shown under assessment section on tax bill)

RTP—Residential or Farm, Taxable, English Public School Board	RTA—Residential or Farm, Taxable, French Public School Board
RTES—Residential or Farm , Taxable, English Separate School Board	RTC—Residential or Farm, Taxable, French Separate School Board
FTP—Farmlands, Taxable, English Public School Board	FTS—Farmlands, Taxable, English Separate School Board
MTP—Multi-Residential, Taxable, English Public School Board	MTS— Multi-Residential, English Separate School Board
CT—Commercial Taxable, Education apportioned between all school boards	IT— Industrial Taxable, Education apportioned between all school boards

TOWN OF GEORGINA - TELEPHONE AND EMAIL DIRECTORY

GENERAL INFORMATION 905-476-4301 or 905-722-6517 or 705- 437-2210
 FAX 905-476-8100

AUTOMATED ATTENDANT 905-476-4305 or 905-722-6516 Visit our Website: www.georgina.ca

MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

	<u>EMAIL ADDRESS</u>	<u>HOME TELEPHONE</u>	<u>OFFICE 905-722-6516</u>
Mayor Robert Grossi	rgrossi@georgina.ca	905-989-1794	Ext. 215
Regional Councillor Danny Wheeler	dwheeler@georgina.ca	905-476-3707	Ext. 262
Councillor Margaret Jordan Clark, Ward 1	mjordandclark@georgina.ca	905-722-7813	Ext. 511
Councillor Ross Jamieson, Ward 2	rjamieson@georgina.ca	905-476-2434	Ext. 513
Councillor David Szollosy, Ward 3	dszollosy@georgina.ca	905-722-1088	Ext. 518
Councillor Ken Hackenbrook, Ward 4	khackenbrook@georgina.ca	705-437-1267	Ext. 516
Councillor Brad Smockum, Ward 5	bsmockum@georgina.ca	905-722-3710	Ext. 519

- Detailed messages for Council members may be left through the automated attendant at the extensions listed above or with Mrs. Tammi Roberts, Executive Assistant to Mayor and Council at Ext. 213.

ADMINISTRATION

	<u>EMAIL ADDRESS</u>	<u>Ext.</u>
Chief Administrative Officer	Susan Plamondon splamondon@georgina.ca	301
Director of Administrative Services/Treasurer	Rebecca Mathewson rmathewson@georgina.ca	201
Director of Engineering & Public Works	Robert Magloughlen rmagloughlen@georgina.ca	234
Director of Planning and Building	Harold Lenters hlenters@georgina.ca	246
Director of Leisure Services	Faye Richardson frichardson@georgina.ca	238
Director of Emergency Services/Fire Chief	Bill O'Neill boneill@georgina.ca	905-476-5167
Director of Library Services/CEO	Mary Baxter mbaxter@georgina.ca	905-476-7233
Manager of Taxation	David Reddon dreddon@georgina.ca	268

EMERGENCY AND AFTER HOURS NUMBERS

Police, Fire Departments and Ambulance..... 911
 Public Works—Roads, Water, Sewer, Street Flooding, Fallen Trees.....905-476-4301 follow prompts —option 5
 Animal Control Emergency Dispatch.....905-476-4301 follow prompts —option 6