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CANINE CONTROL SERVICES are provided to the Town of Erin by the **UPPER CREDIT HUMANE SOCIETY**. Dog licenses are sold through the Humane Society and the Municipal Office.

Website: www.uppercredit.com

To contact the **UPPER CREDIT HUMANE SOCIETY** regarding lost or found dogs, or animal control concerns please call:

- Erin Office 519-833-2287
- Pager Number 519-831-1400
- Caledon Office 519-927-5152

WASTE MANAGEMENT SERVICES are provided by the **COUNTY OF WELLINGTON**. For waste disposal site, recycling and collection enquiries please phone Guelph (519) 837-2601 or toll free 1-800-663-0750 - Ext. 220.

Website: www.wellington.county.on.ca

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Once again, it is my opportunity to inform you of some of the major initiatives being undertaken by the Town and the impact that they have on your taxation level. As you are aware, assessed values of properties in our Town have continued to rise, and to offset this, the Town has lowered their tax rate (formerly known as the mill rate) this year. We have lowered it from 0.0029896 to 0.0027820 or approximately 6.9%. If your property assessment went up by less than that amount, the portion of your taxes that is allotted to the Town should have decreased.

Staff and Council have worked diligently to ensure that our expenditures are kept to a reasonable level. We also take a long-term view of expenditures, to ensure that the money is spent as wisely as possible. Our overall expenditures increased by approximately 3% this year, very much in line with inflation. In the fire department, we have continued our replacement program for protective clothing and equipment. No new fire trucks were required this year. We do anticipate that the Hillsburgh Fire Station will have to be replaced, but that will be a couple of years in the future. The department is working on getting us certified for tanker shuttle service. This is a program that verifies whether our department is able to provide a continuous flow of water to a fire, and is important in those parts of the Town not serviced by hydrants. With this certification, and depending on your insurance company, you should see a marked decrease in your fire insurance premium.

Public Works is also undertaking capital expenditures, some of which you may have already noticed. We have replaced the sidewalks on Anne St. in Hillsburgh, and installed a sidewalk on Daniel St. in Erin from Dundas St. to the Public School. This will ensure that the children can walk to and from school safely. We have replaced our 14-year-old tandem plow/sander. We are also continuing our program of bridge replacement and rehabilitation, and are working on our road-paving program. We intent to hard surface the Eighth Line between 17 Sideroad and Dundas Street. Centre Street is also scheduled to be resurfaced this year, as is part of the Erin/East Garafraxa Townline. We are also making major improvements to our water supply systems in Erin and Hillsburgh, but these are financed through user charges and grants from the federal and provincial governments.

Expenditures in the recreation department this year are primarily for repair or replacement of smaller items. For those of you who use the Erin Arena, you will notice (and appreciate) that we are finally replacing the sound system that was original with the arena.

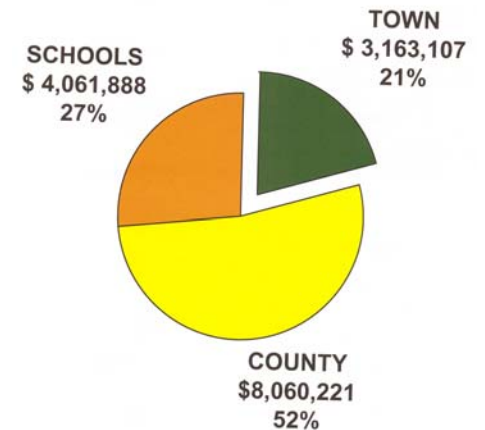
I trust your summer will be enjoyable, and look forward to the rest of the year.

Rod Finnie



**TOWN OF ERIN
2004 TAXPAYER INFORMATION**

**Your 2004 Residential
Tax Dollar Shared**



MUNICIPAL OFFICE:

**5684 Wellington Rd. 24, R. R. # 2
Hillsburgh, ON N0B 1Z0**

TELEPHONE: (519) 855-4407

Direct Tax Enquiries to Ext. 226

TOLL FREE: 1-877-818-2888

OFFICE HOURS: weekdays

8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

WEBSITE: www.town.erin.on.ca

CALCULATING YOUR TAX BILL

The final installments of the 2004 tax bills are due **August 31st and October 29th**. Tax payments can be made in person at the Municipal Office or mailed to R. R. # 2, Hillsburgh ON N0B 1Z0. After hours payments may be deposited through the slot in the front door of the Municipal Office. Payments are also accepted through telephone/internet banking, ABM's (automated bank machines) and at the counter of most financial institutions. The micro-encoded tax stub must accompany the payment for the transaction to be completed. A debit card machine is available for all payments made at the Municipal Office. Pre-Authorized Payment Plan Forms are available at the Municipal Office for enrollment in the monthly payment plan for January 2005.

To calculate your total 2004 tax levy, multiply your Current Value Assessment (CVA) within each assessment property class by the applicable "Tax Rate" for each class and purpose from the table below:

2004 TAX RATES

ASSESSMENT CLASS	CODE	TAX RATES			
		MUNICIPAL	COUNTY	EDUCATION	TOTAL
Residential	RT	0.0027820	0.00708900	0.00296000	0.0128310
Multi-Residential	MT	0.0055640	0.01417800	0.00296000	0.0227020
Commercial	CT	0.0037832	0.00964030	0.01413500	0.0275585
Commercial excess land	CU	0.0026483	0.00674820	0.00989450	0.0192910
Commercial vacant land	CX	0.0026483	0.00674820	0.00989450	0.0192910
Commercial farmland class I	C1	0.0020865	0.00531680	0.00222000	0.0096233
Industrial	IT	0.0067992	0.01732550	0.02572130	0.0498460
Industrial farmland class I	I1	0.0020865	0.00531680	0.00222000	0.0096233
Industrial farmland class II	I4	0.0067992	0.01732550	0.02572130	0.0498460
Industrial excess/vacant unit	IU	0.0044195	0.01126160	0.01671880	0.0323999
Industrial vacant unit	IX	0.0044195	0.01126160	0.01671880	0.0323999
Industrial taxable shared	IH	0.0067992	0.01732550	0.02572130	0.0498460
Large Industrial	LT	0.0067992	0.01732550	0.02572130	0.0498460
Large Industrial excess/vacant	LU	0.0044195	0.01126160	0.01671880	0.0323999
Farm	FT	0.0006955	0.00177230	0.00074000	0.0032078
Pipelines	PT	0.0056483	0.01439280	0.02047510	0.0405162
Managed Forests	TT	0.0006955	0.00177230	0.00074000	0.0032078

COMMERCIAL TAX BILLS:

Tax Bills for properties in any of the Commercial or Industrial property classes will be mailed separately. Year 2004 capping adjustments and notices detailing any adjustment will be included with that final billing. Anticipated mailing date for these bills is mid-August. Commercial, industrial, and multi-residential installments are due **September 30th and November 30th, 2004**.

2004 Tax Calculation on "Average" \$221,684 CVA House (*)

CVA	Class	Tax Rate	Total Tax Amount
\$221,684.	RT	X	0.0128310 = \$2,844.42
Tax Purpose	Total Tax Bill		
	2004	\$ Increase over 2003	2003 @ \$199,500 CVA)
TOWN OF ERIN	\$ 616.72	\$ 20.30	\$ 596.42
COUNTY	\$1,571.52	\$197.98	\$1,373.54
EDUCATION	\$ 656.18	\$(12.14)	\$ 668.32
TOTAL	\$2,844.42	\$206.14	\$2,638.28

(*) updated Current Value Assessment (CVA) – the "Average" residential assessment in the Town of Erin increased approx. 11.0% 2004 over 2003 as a result of Province-wide reassessment. "Average CVA House" in 2003 of \$199,500 increased to \$221,684 (+ 11%) in 2004 for comparison purposes.

WHERE YOUR 2004 LOCAL TAX DOLLARS ARE SPENT FOR PROGRAMS & SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE TOWN OF ERIN (*) FOR AN "AVERAGE" HOUSE ASSESSED AT \$221,684 CVA

Program/Service	Portion of Town Tax Dollars
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	
Council	\$15.59
Administration	\$93.59
PROTECTIVE SERVICES	
Building Inspection	\$(.72)
By-Law Enforcement & Crossing Guards	\$8.53
Conservation Authorities	\$12.72
Fire & Emergency	\$60.32
Canine Control/Livestock Claims	\$(1.09)
PUBLIC WORKS	
Roads	\$297.43
Water Systems	\$0.00
RECREATION & CULTURE	
Recreation	\$104.71
Cemetery & Parkette Maintenance	\$5.45
Rental Facilities	\$6.50
PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT	
Planning	\$10.53
Community Support	\$3.16
TOTAL TOWN TAX DOLLARS (*)	\$616.72

The County of Wellington – 2004 Budget Highlights

The County provides a wide range of services that benefit all County residents and businesses. The County's annual operating budget exceeds \$132 million, with a further \$22.7 million in capital expenditures projected in 2004. Service enhancements in the 2004 budget include:

- Two new uniformed police officers
- Replacement of the existing Police facility in Guelph with a new facility to be located in the County
- \$300,000. contribution to the Rural Water Quality Program
- The 2nd phase of funding for the rebuilding of Wellington Terrace
- \$250,000. towards the development of new social housing units
- \$6.5 million investment in roads and bridges across the County
- Numerous improvements at the County's 18 landfill sites and transfer stations
- Funding to study waste collection and disposal options
- Enhanced library materials budget to maintain and add to the collection
- Initial funding for a new and larger library branch in Clifford

Programs and services provided by the County of Wellington

Program/Service	Portion of each County tax dollar
Roads	\$ 0.28
Police Services	\$ 0.21
Solid Waste Services	\$ 0.11
Admin/Property	\$ 0.08
Social Housing	\$ 0.07
Social Services	\$ 0.06
Library	\$ 0.05
Public Health	\$ 0.04
Home for the Aged	\$ 0.04
Land Ambulance	\$ 0.03
Museum/Wellington Place	\$ 0.03
Planning	\$ 0.02
Property Assessment	\$ 0.02
Grants	\$ 0.01
Other Revenues	\$(0.05)
Total	\$ 1.00

TAX RELIEF PROGRAMS

The County and its member municipalities provide a tax relief program for low-income seniors and low-income persons with disabilities. In addition, there is a tax rebate program for charities and other similar organizations, which are occupying leased commercial or industrial property. To find out more about these programs, contact the County or your local municipal office, or visit our website at www.county.wellington.on.ca