

CALCULATING YOUR TAX BILL

The final installments of the 2008 tax bills are due **August 29th** and **October 31st**. 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 can be downloaded from the Town's website or are available at the Municipal Office for enrollment in the monthly payment plan.

To calculate your total 2008 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:

COMMERCIAL TAX BILLS:

Tax Bills for properties in any of the Commercial or Industrial property classes will be mailed separately. Year 2008 capping adjustments and notices detailing any adjustment will be included with that final billing. Anticipated mailing date for these bills is September 1st. Commercial, industrial, and multi-residential installments are due **September 30th** and **November 28th, 2008**.

2008 TAX RATES

ASSESSMENT CLASS

ASSESSMENT CLASS	CODE	2008 TAX RATES			
		MUNICIPAL	COUNTY	EDUCATION	TOTAL
Residential	RT	0.00279269	0.00758729	0.00264000	0.01301998
Multi-Residential	MT	0.00558538	0.01517457	0.00264000	0.02339995
Commercial	CT	0.00379778	0.01031795	0.01319713	0.02731286
Commercial excess land	CU	0.00265845	0.00722257	0.00923799	0.01911901
Commercial vacant land	CX	0.00265845	0.00722257	0.00923799	0.01911901
Commercial farmland class I	C1	0.00209452	0.00569046	0.00198000	0.00976498
Industrial	IT	0.00682533	0.01854333	0.02350508	0.04887374
Industrial farmland class I	I1	0.00209452	0.00569046	0.00198000	0.00976498
Industrial farmland class II	I4	0.00682533	0.01854333	0.02350508	0.04887374
Industrial excess/vacant unit	IU	0.00443647	0.01205316	0.01527830	0.03176793
Industrial vacant unit	IX	0.00443647	0.01205316	0.01527830	0.03176793
Industrial taxable shared	IH	0.00682533	0.01854333	0.02350508	0.04887374
Large Industrial	LT	0.00682533	0.01854333	0.02350508	0.04887374
Large Industrial excess/vacant	LU	0.00443647	0.01205316	0.01527830	0.03176793
Farm	FT	0.00069817	0.00189682	0.00066000	0.00325499
Pipelines	PT	0.00567000	0.01540447	0.02014480	0.04121927
Managed Forest	TT	0.00069817	0.00189682	0.00066000	0.00325499

2008 Tax Calculation on each \$100,000 of RESIDENTIAL ASSESSMENT

Class	Assessment		Tax Rate	=	Total Tax \$
RT	\$100,000.	X	0.01301998	=	\$1,302.00

PURPOSE	2008 Taxes	\$ Increase over 2007	2007 Taxes
TOWN OF ERIN	\$ 279.27	\$ 20.98	\$ 258.29
COUNTY	\$ 758.73	\$ 28.56	\$ 730.17
EDUCATION	\$ 264.00	-	\$ 264.00
TOTAL	\$ 1,302.00	\$ 49.54	\$1,252.46

DEPT		2008 EXPENDITURES		
		OPERATIONS	CAPITAL	TOTAL
GEN GOVT	COUNCIL	\$ 123,525	\$ -	\$ 123,525
	ADMIN	\$ 961,475	\$ 54,409	\$ 1,015,884
PROTECTION	BUILDING	\$ 361,384	\$ 10,000	\$ 371,384
	BYLAW	\$ 70,200	\$ -	\$ 70,200
	CONSERVATION	\$ 110,642	\$ -	\$ 110,642
	FIRE SERV	\$ 626,796	\$ 445,200	\$ 1,071,996
	EMERG PLAN	\$ 3,000	\$ -	\$ 3,000
	ANIMAL CONTROL	\$ 27,632	\$ -	\$ 27,632
PUBLIC WORKS	ROADS	\$ 2,147,043	\$ 1,894,592	\$ 4,041,635
	WATER	\$ 921,602	\$ 1,136,308	\$ 2,057,910
	ENVIRO SERVICES	\$ 8,500	\$ 100,000	\$ 108,500
	RECREATION	\$ 1,389,281	\$ 189,810	\$ 1,579,091
OTHER FACILITIES	CEMETERIES, other	\$ 93,217	\$ -	\$ 93,217
PLANNING & DEV	PLANNING	\$ 89,985	\$ -	\$ 89,985
	ECON & COMM DEV	\$ 124,348	\$ 5,000	\$ 129,348
BIA	BIA	\$ 48,200	\$ -	\$ 48,200
TOTALS		\$ 7,106,830	\$ 3,835,319	\$10,942,149

THE COUNTY OF WELLINGTON – 2008 BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

The County provides and funds a wide range of services including roads and solid waste management, public safety (police, ambulance, public health and emergency management), social services (income support, housing and child care) and cultural programs (libraries and the County Museum and Archives). The County's annual operating budget exceeds \$145 million, with a further \$23 million in capital expenditures projected in 2008. Service enhancements in the 2008 budget include:

- Two new uniformed police officers
- Renovations to Carnegie libraries in Elora and Mount Forest
- The continuation of the rural waste and recyclables collection pilot in Guelph/Eramosa and Minto
- Design of 55 Affordable Housing units
- The construction of a new Library branch in Drayton and dual purpose facility in Arthur
- \$10.6 million investment in roads and bridges across the County
- Design of a new County Archives building at Wellington Place
- By this spring the County will have planted 760,000 trees through the Green Legacy program, with the expectation of reaching 1 million trees planted by 2010.

Programs and services provided by the County of Wellington

Program/Service	Portion of each County tax dollar
Roads	\$ 0.27
Police Services	\$ 0.19
Solid Waste Services	\$ 0.10
Administration	\$ 0.09
Library	\$ 0.07
Social Housing	\$ 0.06
Social Services	\$ 0.05
Home for the Aged	\$ 0.05
Land Ambulance	\$ 0.04
Planning	\$ 0.03
Museum/Wellington Place	\$ 0.03
Public Health	\$ 0.02
Property Assessment	\$ 0.02
Grants	\$ 0.02
Property	\$ 0.01
Other Revenues	\$(0.05)
Total	\$ 1.00

TAX RELIEF PROGRAMS

The County and its member municipalities provide tax relief programs 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.wellington.ca

MUNICIPAL CONTACTS (519) 855-4407

Toll Free: 1-877-818-2888
Fax: (519) 855-4821

GENERAL INQUIRIES Ext. 221
Mayor's Office Rod Finnie Ext. 232
Town Manager Lisa Hass Ext. 223
Clerk Kathryn Ironmonger Ext. 222
Director of Finance S. Marshall Ext. 225
Tax Admin. Jackie Detta Ext. 226
Building CBO Mike Zimmer Ext. 224
Planner Sally Stull Ext. 240
Road Supt. Larry Van Wyck Ext. 227
Water Supt. Frank Smedley Ext. 253
By-Law Officer Clive Ascher Ext. 230
Fire Chief Steve Goode Ext. 242
FIRE EMERGENCIES: **9 1 1**

COUNCIL:

Rod Finnie Mayor (519) 833-2380
Barb Tocher " 855-4984
Ken Chapman " 833-2244
Josie Wintersinger " 855-6163
John Brennan " 833-7309

WARD 9 COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Lou Maieron (519) 833-2559

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) 827-8855

SOLID WASTE SERVICES: (INCLUDING GARBAGE & RECYCLING) are provided by the **COUNTY OF WELLINGTON**.

For waste disposal site, recycling and collection inquiries please phone Guelph (519) 837-2601 or toll free 1-800-663-0750 - Ext. 220.

WEBSITE: www.wellington.ca

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

We have mixed news for you this year on the tax front. As some of you have already informed us, the tax increase at over 8% is difficult to accept. We understand that, and would point out that the increase over the past 6 years has averaged out at about 2.5%, just around the inflation rate for the same period. In terms of the increase for this year, for every \$100,000 in assessment, the increase amounts to \$20.98. On an average assessment of \$300,000 this amounts to \$62.94, or less than a tank of gas. Only 21.45% of your total tax dollar goes to the Town, with the rest going to the County (58.27%) and the School Board (20.28%).

What are you getting for your money? Major capital expenditures this year include a new grader, road reconstruction (new surface on the Ninth Line south of Erin village), and work on the culverts on Sideroad 5 between Trafalgar Rd. and Winston Churchill. We have also increased our expenditures on calcium and gravel to improve the traffic carrying capability of our gravel roads. The fire department is getting a new tanker, half of which was paid for last year, and half this year. This is critical in maintaining our tanker shuttle accreditation with the insurance companies, and results in a major savings on your fire insurance cost (over \$100 a year in my case). Make sure that your agent is aware of our accreditation. The major water expenditure this year is the Hillsburgh pumping station which will improve water flows to the upper areas of Hillsburgh and provide backup if the Hillsburgh Heights well goes down. This was funded totally by a provincial government grant.

Thank you and have a grrreat summer!

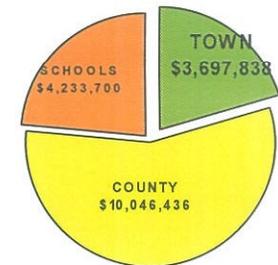
Rod Finnie



**TOWN OF ERIN
2008 TAXPAYER INFORMATION**

**YOUR 2008 RESIDENTIAL
TAX DOLLAR SHARED**

2008 TAX DOLLARS BY PURPOSE



MUNICIPAL OFFICE:

**5684 Trafalgar Rd. (WCR #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 (except holidays)
8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.**

WEBSITE: www.erin.ca