

Civil servant salaries rose almost \$12 million in 2006 across Peel

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Editor

"Be thankful we're not getting all the government we're paying for."

Will Rogers

Alas, Peel (Caledon) taxpayers dished out a record-setting \$67.46 million to members of the "century club" in 2006.

The salaries of civil servants who earn \$100,000 or more annually were released recently, under the

Public Sector Salary Disclosure Act of 1996. The purpose of the law, and release of salaries, is to provide a more open and accountable system of government, allowing taxpayers to "compare the performance of an organization with the compensation given to the people running it," according to the Ministry of Finance.

The cost of the 605 civil

servants in three of Peel's largest bodies, rose \$11.83 million over 2005. The "century club" added 104 members to its total.

This phenomenal amount of money, and the raises some of these civil servants receive, far outpace the rate of inflation. In contrast, the total salaries in Peel alone rival the GDP of many Third World countries.

As well, a handful of Peel-based civil servants earn more annually than Premier Dalton McGuinty (\$158,000 in 2006, but will rise to \$200,000 this year) and Prime Minister Stephen Harper (his salary as PM is \$151,800 and starting this month, he will receive another \$151,800 as an MP).

Region of Peel

The venerable Region of Peel shot to the front of the pack in 2006, adding 92 club members and increasing its payout to this elite group by \$10.46 million over the previous year.

However, the majority of top wage-earners belong to the Peel Regional Police Services Board.

The highest-paid position in the Region of Peel is that of Peel Police Chief Michael Metcalfe, who pulled in \$224,971. Colleague Larry Button, CAO of the Police

Services Board, took number-three spot with a salary of \$192,732 and \$11,458 in benefits. Associate Administrator Thomas Banks pulled in \$163,621, followed by Deputy Chief Paul Tetzlaff, \$157,998 and staff superintendent Michael Stephenson, \$157,753. Next were Frederick Biro, executive director, with \$156,504 and staff superintendent Thomas Allen, \$154,605.

Senior staffers at the Region of Peel were no slouches either.

Peel CAO David Szwarc was the number-two man, earning \$222,533.43 and \$15,382.46 in benefits. Next was public works commissioner Mitch Zamoj with \$177,598.61 and \$14,128.74 in benefits.

Not far behind was Peel treasurer Daniel Labreque with a salary of \$175,070.23 and benefits of \$11,904.41. Solicitor and corporate services commissioner R. Kent Gillespie was next in line, with \$170,110.61 and \$10,813.19 in benefits.

Caledon's Emil Kolb, Peel chair, earned \$158,567.49.

Next was Laura Nashman, commissioner of People, Information and Technology, with a salary of \$157,969.51 and \$11,785.13 in benefits.

This year, three advance care paramedics made the list, earning more than \$100,000.

Peel District School Board

Trying hard to keep up were employees of the Peel District School Board. A total of 208 civil servants were in the elite club, earning \$21.84 million. Their ranks rose only slightly over 2005 - 16 members and roughly \$1 million in salaries.

The top dog at the board is education director Jim Grieve, who earned \$204,580-.24 and \$11,546.78 in benefits.

Next was Wayne McNally, associate director, operational support, who earned \$175,112. In 2005, McNally earned \$166,403.

Judith Nyman, associate director, instructional support, made \$168,926.70.

Superintendent education Tony Pontes and superintendent alternative programs Ian Adamson earned \$152,165.95 each. Superintendent Allison Clinton made \$152,005.45.

The average salary for a principal in the Peel board is \$103,583.74, with several earning \$108,000.

Dufferin-Peel Catholic DSB

The cash-strapped Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board had 156 members of the club in 2006, earning a total of \$17.36 million. It was up only slightly from 2005 (3 employees and roughly \$300,000).

Director Michael Bator was leader of the pack with a salary of \$200,962.

Associate director John Kostoff earned \$161,785, while by associate director Ralph Borelli made \$158,284.

A tribe of superintendents - John Fitzgibbon, Elizabeth McGuire, Michael McPhee, Sheila McWatters, John Melito and Vincent Nichilo - each earned \$147,781.

Principals at the separate board earn between \$103,000 and \$111,000. But vice-principal William Welch earned \$117,692.24 last year.

Five teachers made the list this year. They included Roberta DiLallo, \$102,629.65; Sergio Divenosa, \$109,825.32;

Joyce Huber, \$100,263.18; Henry Koh, \$102,328.90; Mary Schroder, \$100,129.05.

The entire list, from across the province, can be viewed on the Ministry of Finance's Web site, at www.fin.gov.on.ca/english/publications/salarydisclosure/2007/index.html. Also, each body has a printed list available to the public, but there may be a charge.

Volunteer at Hospice Caledon

If you are a compassionate, emotionally centered individual who enjoys other people, you may be interested in becoming a visiting volunteer for families who are dealing with life limiting illnesses. Hospice Caledon is offering their 30-hour "in-home visiting volunteer" training program. This program introduces participants to many end-of-life issues like palliative care, communication with the dying and their families, spirituality, grief and bereavement, medical considerations for specific illnesses, pain management, ethics and family dynamics.

The training will be offered at Hospice Caledon in the Caledon Community Services office and will run 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays, April 14, 15, 28 and 29. Space is limited to 12 participants. They welcome all volunteer candidates but are especially in need of volunteers who speak Italian as well as males and residents of the west side of Caledon. This course is offered free of charge with a \$25 materials fee. If you are interested or want more information, please call Anne at Hospice Caledon at 905-951-3534.



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NOTICE OF COMPLETION

Bolton Arterial Roads - Stage 2: Class Environmental Assessment

The Town of Caledon has completed a Class Environmental Assessment to determine the preferred road alignment for the WN2 link of the Bolton Arterial Roads (BAR) Stage 2 network pursuant to the requirements of the BAR Individual Environmental Assessment, which was approved by the Minister of the Environment in April 2000. The Bolton Arterial Roads Stage 2 study was undertaken as a Schedule 'C' project in accordance with the requirements of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (June 2000).

The study area under consideration was limited to a section of the WN2 road alternative between Duffy's Lane and Highway 50 (Regional Road 50). At the September 2006 Public Information Centre, the South Alternative was presented as the Technically Preferred Alternative as generally shown on the adjacent Key Plan.

The Town has prepared an Environmental Study Report (ESR) that documents the environmental issues, recommendations and proposed mitigation measures. Subject to comments received as a result of this Notice and the receipt of the necessary approvals, the Town of Caledon intends to proceed with the design and construction of this road project in the year of 2008. The estimated cost of this new road link is \$4.30 million plus engineering and land acquisition.

The ESR is available for public review at the following locations:

CALEDON PUBLIC LIBRARY | Albion Bolton Branch | 150 Queen St., Bolton
Tuesday to Thursday | 10:00 am to 8:30 pm
Friday | 10:00 am to 5:00 pm
Saturday | 10:00 am to 4:00 pm AND Sunday | 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm

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Public Works & Engineering Department
Monday to Friday | 9:00 am to 4:30 pm

Further information about this project can be obtained by contacting either:

Andrew Pearce, Manager of Engineering & Construction
Public Works & Engineering Department
Town of Caledon
andrew.pearce@caledon.ca

Martin Scott, P. Eng., Consultant Project Manager,
McCormick Rankin Corporation
2655 North Sheridan Way, Mississauga, ON L5K 2P8
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Interested individuals and parties have 30 calendar days from the date of this Notice to comment on the recommendations and the information contained in the ESR. Comments must be directed to either the Town of Caledon or the Town's consulting engineer by no later than 4.30 pm on Friday, May 11, 2007.

If concerns regarding the recommended alternative cannot be resolved in discussion with the Town of Caledon, a person/party may request that the Minister of the Environment make an order for the project to comply with Part II of the Environmental Assessment Act (this is referred to as a Part II Order), which addresses Individual Environmental Assessments. Requests must be received by the Minister at the address below by no later than May 11, 2007. A copy of the request must also be sent to the Town of Caledon.

The Honourable Laurel C. Broten | Minister of the Environment
135 St. Clair Avenue West, 12th Floor | Toronto, ON M4V 1P5

If no request for a Part II Order is received, the project will proceed to design and construction as outlined in the ESR. This notice issued April 11, 2007.

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