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## 2006 Final Tax Billing Information Residential and Farm Properties

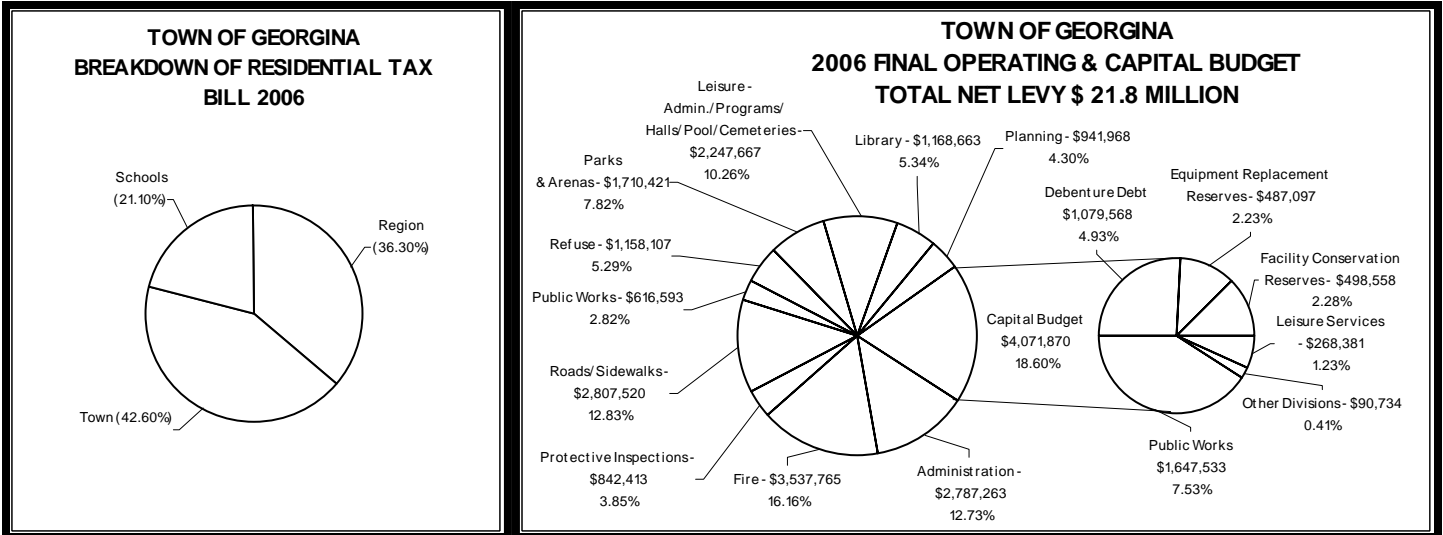


Dear Property Owner:

Enclosed with this brochure you will find your 2006 Final Tax Billing, which is payable in two installments, the first on July 27, 2006 and the second on September 27, 2006.

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 2006 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 2006 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 note, all property owners should be aware current market values for 2006 taxation have been updated from June 30, 2003 values to January 1, 2005 values. Please visit MPAC's website at [www.mpac.ca](http://www.mpac.ca) for additional information.

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**STATEMENT ON THE 2006 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 2006 Budget process and the affect it will have on your property tax bill.

The Council of the Town of Georgina adopted the 2006 Operating and Capital Budget for the Town of Georgina on January 23, 2006. For the average single-family residential property, this budget when combined with the requirements of the Region of York and the Provincial Education levy resulted in a combined tax rate increase of 4.46% or \$119.92 over that levied in 2005.

Budgets are never easy and 2006 was no different. We continue to face the challenges placed before us in meeting all your needs and trying to make responsible, prudent decisions. However, we repeatedly have to deal with our forced share of GTA pooled social housing and social assistance costs for the City of Toronto. This is a payment that we make reluctantly on your behalf. Truly, these are costs that should not be borne by you and I. Hopefully this inequity will be changed. For more specific details on the 2006 budget, please go to [www.georgina.ca](http://www.georgina.ca) or contact the Tax/Water Division.

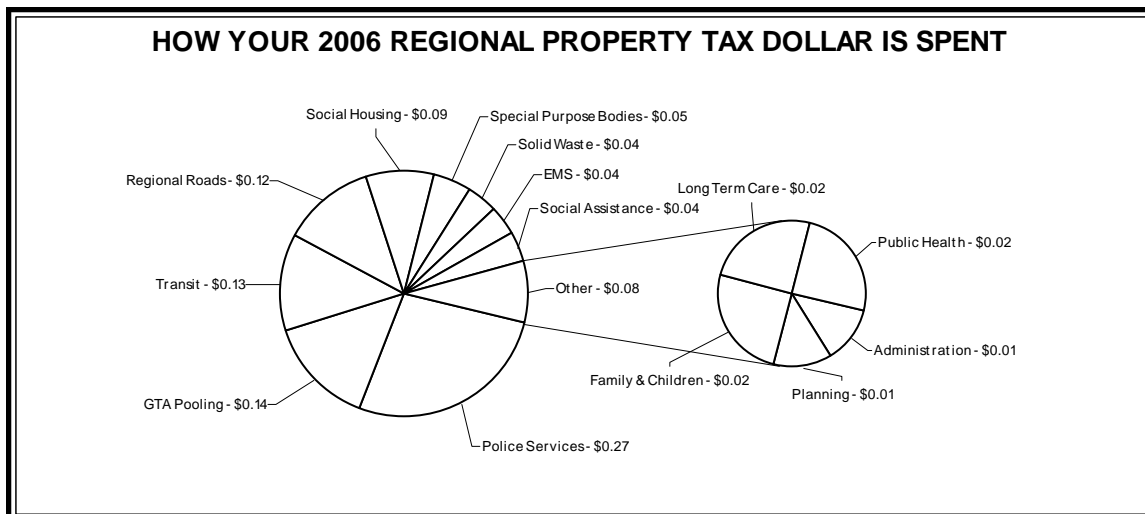
In closing, your Council and I remain committed to budgetary review and controls to protect the current level of services in the most cost efficient manner for all of our residents.

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Robert Grossi, Mayor

**MESSAGE FROM THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF YORK FOR 2006**

For 2006 the Region is budgeting total operating expenditures of \$1.1 billion and capital expenditures of \$517 million. The tax levy of \$607.5 million represents a 2.9% increase over the previous year. The budget highlights include funding for 67 new police officers and 35 civilian personnel. York Region Transit will provide 46,000 hours of additional service, VIVA rapid transit will increase service by 163,000 hours, and the Region's Emergency Medical Services will add an ambulance and six new paramedics.

Further information on the York Region budget for 2006 can be obtained by following this internet link: [www.region.york.on.ca/Regional+Government/Budgets/](http://www.region.york.on.ca/Regional+Government/Budgets/)



**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 2006**

⇒ **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 2006**

⇒ **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 2006**

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](http://www.georgina.ca). **APPLICATIONS MUST BE COMPLETED NO LATER THAN FEBRUARY 28, 2007 FOR THE 2006 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](http://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, 2006, 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.

