
2009 BUDGET BRIEFING NOTE (REVISED)

2008 Municipal Residential Property Tax Rates and 2009 Municipal Property Tax Increases

Issue/Background:

This briefing note compares 2008 residential property tax rates of select Ontario Municipalities and shows 2009 property tax rate increases of upper and lower tier Municipalities across the Greater Toronto Area (GTA), Ottawa and Hamilton.

Key Points:

- Table 1 on the following page lists approved and proposed 2009 municipal property tax increases for select upper and lower municipal governments, primarily in the GTA. These rates were confirmed from public sources and from discussions with GTA municipal staff where rates were not publicly available.

Table 1	
2009 GTA Municipal Property Tax Increase Comparison	
Excluding School Boards/ Education Tax	
Municipality - All Property Classes	Regional & Local Municipality Property Tax Increase (All Property Classes)
<i>Toronto</i>	(Res. 4%, Non. Res. 1.33%) 2.48%
<i>Halton Region</i>	
- Burlington	3.20%
- Halton Hills	3.00%
- Milton	2.64%
- Oakville	4.40%
<i>Peel Region</i>	
- Brampton	5.60%
- Mississauga	4.23%
<i>York Region</i>	
- Aurora	1.90%
- East Gwillimbury	2.13%
- Georgina	2.15%
- King City	2.18%
- Markham	1.67%
- Newmarket	2.27%
- Richmond Hill	3.43%
- Vaughan	3.60%
- Whitchurch-Stouffville	3.30%
<i>Durham Region</i>	
- Ajax	3.00%
- Clarington	3.00%
- Oshawa	3.00%
- Pickering	3.00%
- Scugog	3.00%
- Whitby	3.00%
<i>Other</i>	
- Hamilton	2.10%
- Ottawa	4.90%

- The Charts on the following page shows that in 2008, the City of Toronto's residential property tax rate and property taxes was the lowest for average houses amongst key Municipalities in Ontario.
- It is noted that the City of Oshawa's residential property tax rate was approximately 2.5 times that of the City of Toronto; and that the City of Pickering's rate was almost twice that of the City of Toronto.

