

## HOW TO READ YOUR TAX BILL

A Property Identification

This section contains identification information such as roll number, mailing address and a legal description of the property.

B Tax Class

This section lists the classifications(s) of your property (i.e. residential, farm, commercial and educational support). The tax class codes are explained at the top right of this page. If you have questions about your choice of school board support, call the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation at 1-866-296-MPAC(6722).

**G** Value

This shows the current value of your property, as assessed by the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation.

Municipal/Area Rate Levies

This section provides a detailed breakdown of your property taxes as set by City Council. To determine the amount of tax you pay each service, multiply the tax rate for that service by the assessed "value" for your property.

♠ Education Tax

The education tax is set by the Government of Ontario. To determine the amount of education tax you pay, multiply the education tax rate by the assessed "value" of your property.

Special Charges/Credits

This section will list charges that are specific to your property. Special charges cover a range of services including sewer and road upgrades, and other local improvements. Credits refer mainly to tax rebates such as the seniors tax rebate.

© 2003 Residential/Farm Phase-In Program

Council has approved a revised residential property tax phase-in program that will phase in significant tax increases over three years. As part of this new phase-in program, Council has ensured that more of the tax decreases will flow through to residents whose property taxes are decreasing. If your property taxes are increasing by over \$200, you will pay the greater of \$200 or 75% of your increase. If your property taxes are decreasing by more then \$50 compared to your final 2002 property taxes, your taxes will be reduced by the greater of \$50 or 35% of your tax decrease. Your 2002 Phase-in calculation is based on 2002 Taxes actually billed but does not include any "Special Charges/Credits". Any change in tax levies that occur during the three-year phase-in period will be applied in addition to the phase-in adjustments.

Summary

This section lists the subtotals of your tax levy (municipal & education), tax cap and phase-in adjustments, and any credits/special charges.

Payment stubs are to be submitted along with payment, when paying by mail, in person, or at a financial institution. If paying by instalments, remit the second stub with payment of the second instalment, if you're paying using one of the pre-authorized plans, you do not need to submit either of the stubs.

Schedule 2

This pertains to Residential, Farm, Managed Forest or Pipeline property classes It shows the year over year change in taxes levied, from 2002 to 2003, comprised strictly of the actual taxes, excluding any phase-in adjustments or "Special Charges/Credits". It further breaks down the difference in the municipal levy change and the education levy in 2003.

Schedule 3

This pertains to Commercial, Industrial and Multi-Residential property classes. It shows the 2002 tax levied amount and the 2003 adjusted tax levied amount due to the 5% capping program. It further breaks down the difference in the Tax Cap amount, municipal levy change and the education levy change.