

## WEST-BOLTON 2013 BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

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The municipality of West Bolton is pleased to present some of the highlights of the upcoming budget for 2013. The 2012 financial year finished with an estimated surplus of \$34 500 attributed to prudent fiscal management despite the many expenses resulting from last year's controversial issues. The council has responded to public concerns and, with only a one cent increase in the mil rate, placed additional funds in the 2013 budget to cover the following items:

### **Environment**

- ◆ Water quality evaluation
- ◆ Erosion control: gravel tax money going to erosion control measures on public roads
- ◆ Septic waste protection: monitoring of compulsory emptying of septic tanks in order to control the flow of phosphorus
- ◆ Protecting forests: MRC supervision of woodcuts.
- ◆ Master water plan: Involvement in carrying out the MRC Master Water Plan
- ◆ Recycling: Contributing to regional Ecocentres.

### **Community Development**

- ◆ "Meet Your Neighbour" gathering

### **Public Security**

- ◆ Installing signs for water sources in case of fire
- ◆ Installing more dry hydrants
- ◆ Installing easily identifiable uniform civic numbers for use by emergency vehicles and guests.

### **Communications**

- ◆ Upgrading the Web site to make it dynamic and current

### **Personnel**

- ◆ Hiring an administrative assistant
- ◆ Creating an employee benefit package
- ◆ Increasing council members salaries