

## King's political leaders provide bang for your buck

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The salaries of civil servants and politicians often come under fire.

But in King Township, residents are getting pretty good value for their tax dollars.

In 2017, it cost \$293,288.88 for the mayor, councillors and their expenses.

When compared to the total budget, this amounts to roughly one per cent.

Mayor Steve Pellegrini was given \$65,199.58 last year. This included a salary of \$48,163.61; payroll and health benefits of roughly \$13,000; \$2,037.12 for mileage and \$1,773 for memberships and to attend conferences.

The mayor also receives a salary for being a regional councillor on York Region Council.

Councillor Cleve Mortelliti was next, with \$38,983.06. This included the benefits, along with \$1,850 for memberships and conferences.

The totals for the rest of council were:

David Boyd, \$38,541.97; Bill Cober, \$38,534.95; Avia Eek, \$38,196.53; Debbie Schaefer, \$37,568.64 and Linda Pabst, \$36,264.15.

None of the councillors claimed mileage.

Councillor Linda Pabst was the most frugal, and she didn't claim any mileage or reimbursement for conferences.

All councillors received \$6,848.84 in health benefits, and \$630.36 for cell phone charges.

By comparison, Caledon councillors receive anywhere from \$44,000 to \$49,000 including benefits and expenses. Caledon also has five regional councillors who attend Peel Regional Council.