



## MUNICIPAL TAXES 101

Council and the administration office felt it would be a good idea to give the Tyendinaga Community a sense of your municipal taxes and how your money is collected.

### The Taxing Authorities

1. Your tax bill includes amounts for three taxing authorities, the Municipality (us), the County of Hastings, and Education
2. Our Council is only involved in setting the municipal portion roughly 55% of your tax bill
3. Our Reeve sits as a Member of County Council and it is they who set the County Rate
4. The Education Rate is determined by the Province of Ontario

**Assessment** – This is the value attributed to your property. The municipality has no role in this determination. Municipal Property and Assessment Corporation is the body who determines assessment. MPAC has an office in Trenton and we have all the contact information if you have questions about your assessment. Your assessment amount is given to us by MPAC and we are legally required to bill based on that amount.

This year the total assessment for Tyendinaga Township went up by over 9%. 2008 was a re-assessment year, the first in four years. There is a four year phase in for these new assessments, so we can expect that the total assessment for the community will rise significantly for the next few years.

**Levy** - is the total amount of taxes collected by the municipality, or other taxing authority. From your standpoint your total bill is your levy. Levy is a dollar amount.

**The Mill Rate or Tax Rate** is set by the municipality based on the budget requirements for the year, as determined by Council. Your **levy** is your **assessment** multiplied by the **mill/tax rate**. Since assessments rose very sharply this year, had Council left the mill rate the same, your tax bill would have gone up by over 9%. Council dedicated much time and energy to lower the tax rate this year by a significant amount recognizing the high increase in assessment. Everyone's assessment particulars are different but in short, Council raised the levy (total amount collected) by 2.04%. Details of municipal taxes and changes from this year to last can be found on the next page.

## TYENDINAGA TOWNSHIP

### ASSESSMENT LEVY & TAXING AUTHORITY COMPARISON 2008/2009

	2008	2009	% Change
Tyendinaga Assessment	\$219,181,831.59	\$239,511,414.86	9.28
Tyendinaga Municipal Levy	\$1,918,930	\$1,958,160	2.04
Tyendinaga Municipal Tax Rate	0.0087550	0.0081756	-6.62
Hastings County Levy	\$789,965	\$842,282	6.62
Hastings County Tax Rate	0.003604	0.003517	-2.43
Education Levy	\$745,401	\$769,490	3.23
Education Tax Rate	0.00264	0.00252	-4.55
Total Levy (all 3 authorities)	\$3,454,296	\$3,569,932	3.35
Total Tax Rate (all 3 authorities)	0.014999	0.014212	-5.25