

Editorial ? They?re your tax dollars ? offer input

In January of this year, Caledon council passed a budget for the Town that called for a 1.97 per cent increase in its share of the property taxes you pay.

Were you pleased with that increase? Were there expenses called for in that budget with which you did not approve? Were there items left out of that budget that you would have liked to see included?

Did you offer input prior to the passage of that budget?

The Town is currently working on its budget for 2017. A draft document has been prepared, and the tinkering is about to begin. The councillors, the people you elected to represent you, have plenty of opportunities for input and try to make adjustments to the budget. The nice thing is we all have opportunities for input. Indeed, the Town is actively seeking it.

There will be an open house Nov. 23 at Town Hall, starting at 7 p.m.

There are also Coffee with Council sessions planned for Nov. 18 at Mayfield Recreation Centre from 5 to 7 p.m.; Nov. 19 at Lloyd Wilson Arena from 9 to 11 a.m., and Caledon Centre for Recreation and Wellness from 1 to 3 p.m.; and Nov. 22 at Bolton Rotary Senior's Centre from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

The budget will also be discussed at several meetings of council, including Nov.15 at 9:30 a.m. (operating budget) and 1 p.m. (capital budget), Dec. 6 at 1 p.m. and Dec. 20 at 7 p.m.

Do you think your voice is not being heard? Here's your chance to be heard.