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This award is valid for a period of one year only. We believe our present budget continues to conform to program requirements and we are submitting it to GFOA to determine its eligibility for another award.

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For an in-depth introduction to the Region, including corporate overview, background information, corporate priorities, the service strategy business plan process and budget in brief sections, refer to the *2004 Executive Summary* document.

For information by program related to the 2004 capital budget and forecast to 2013, refer to the *2004 Capital Budget and 2005-2013 Capital Forecast* document.

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Current Budget Summary and Introduction

The Region of Peel's *2004 Business Plan* is comprised of three documents:

- *2004 Executive Summary*
- *2004 Service Strategy Business Plan and Current Budget*
- *2004 Capital Budget and 2005-2013 Capital Forecast*

This document is the *2004 Service Strategy Business Plan and Current Budget* and provides program service strategy business plan details.

For a high level review of the 2004 budget, refer to the Budget in Brief section of the *2004 Executive Summary* document which provides an in-depth review of the Region, including the introduction, corporate overview, background information, corporate priorities and the service strategy business plan process sections.

The *2004 Capital Budget and 2005-2013 Capital Forecast* provides an introduction and highlights of the capital budget as well as capital project details.

For the complete Region of Peel *2004 Business Plan*, all three documents should be referenced. The document is also available on the Region's Web site at peelregion.ca/finance/2004-business-plan/index.htm

Current Budget Highlights

The current budget highlights summary is outlined in Table 1 and summarizes the impact of the 2004 Property Tax Supported Current Budget and the 2004 Utility Rate Supported Current Budget on the Region's taxpayers and ratepayers respectively.

Table 1

	Average Industrial	Average Commercial	Average Small Business	Average Household
Impact of a 3.5% Tax Rate and 3.7% Utility Rate Increase				
CVA Value (note 1)	\$1.8 million	\$1.76 million	\$357,000	\$292,500
2004 Regional Levy Impact	\$371	\$327	\$70	\$46
2004 Utility Bill Impact	\$83	\$109	\$28	\$13
Note 1: Current Value Property Assessment (CVA)				

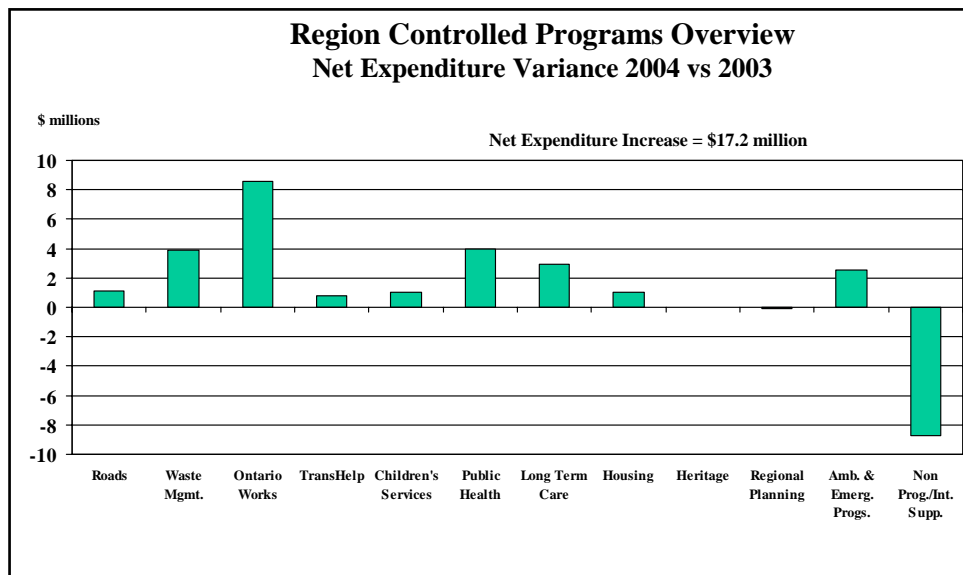
The 2004 net property tax supported budget totals \$557.0 million. For comparison purposes, this represents a \$39.0 million increase over the 2003 net levy of \$518.0 million. Fifty-one per cent of the increase is funded by growth in the property assessment base of 4.1 per cent (\$20.0 million) which translates to a 3.9 per cent tax levy offset. The remaining 49 per cent (\$19.0 million) is funded by a 3.5 per cent property tax increase. This increase, as outlined in Table 1, translates into a \$46 annual property tax increase to \$1,364 for an average single-family home assessed at \$292,500.

Property Tax Supported Budget

Region Controlled Programs - \$17.2 million net expenditure increase

The 2004 current budget for the Region Controlled Programs reflects service level increases resulting mainly from the Region's tremendous population growth and demographic changes to an increasingly aging population. Furthermore, increases in expenditures reflect the increased needs of the clients of Ontario Works, increased service levels mandated by the province (e.g. Ambulance and Emergency Programs) and an enhanced waste diversion program. Table 2 presents an overview of the net expenditure changes in Region Controlled Programs over the 2003 budget.

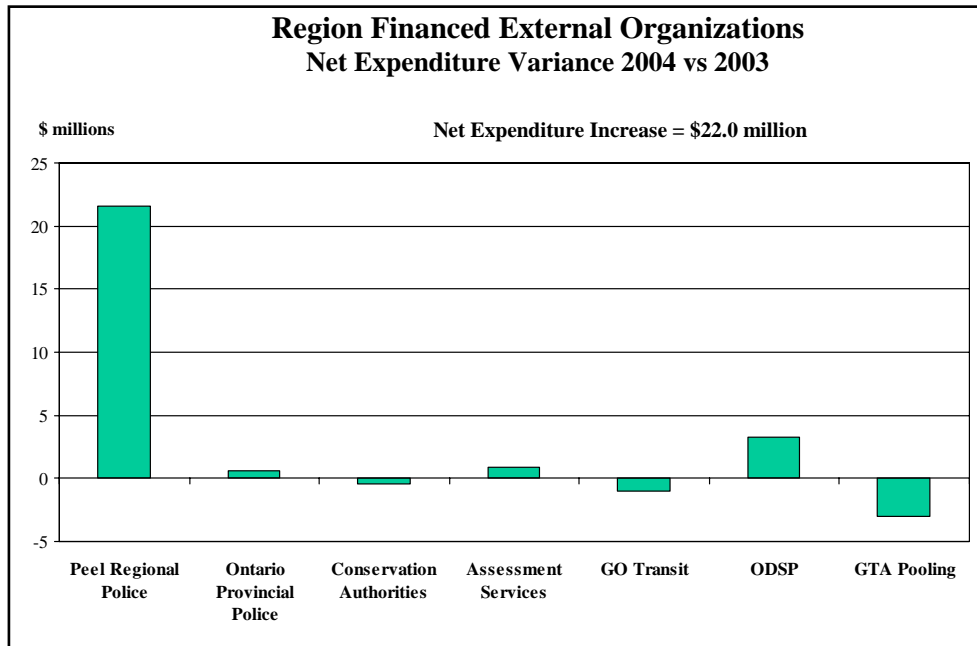
Table 2



Region Financed External Organizations - \$22.0 million net expenditure increase

The 2004 Current Budget for the Region Financed External Organizations reflects a \$22.0 million increase in net expenditures over 2003. As indicated in Table 3, the major portion of the variance is due to the Peel Region Police Program.

Table 3



Utility Rate Supported Budget

The 2004 Utility Rate Supported Current Budget reflects a total expenditure of \$157.4 million - \$77.4 million for the Water Program and \$80.0 million for the Wastewater Program. This reflects an increase of \$10.4 million or 7.1 per cent over 2003. Effective with April 1, 2004 billing, the water and wastewater rates will increase by 5.0 per cent. This increase translates to an average residential and commercial utility rate increase of 3.7 per cent for the twelve month period beginning January 1, 2004 and ending December 31, 2004 as detailed in Table 4. The average 2004 residential water and wastewater user fee is \$298 per household.

Table 4

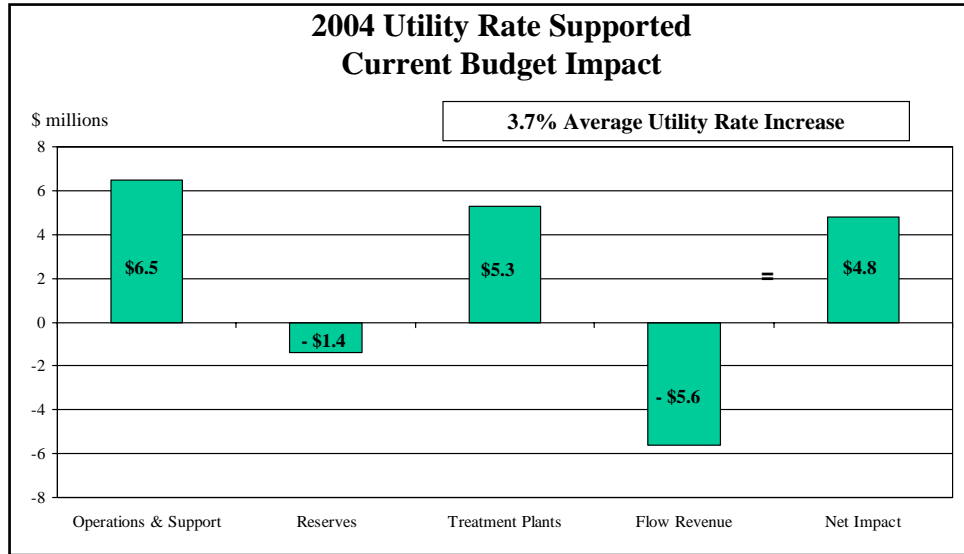
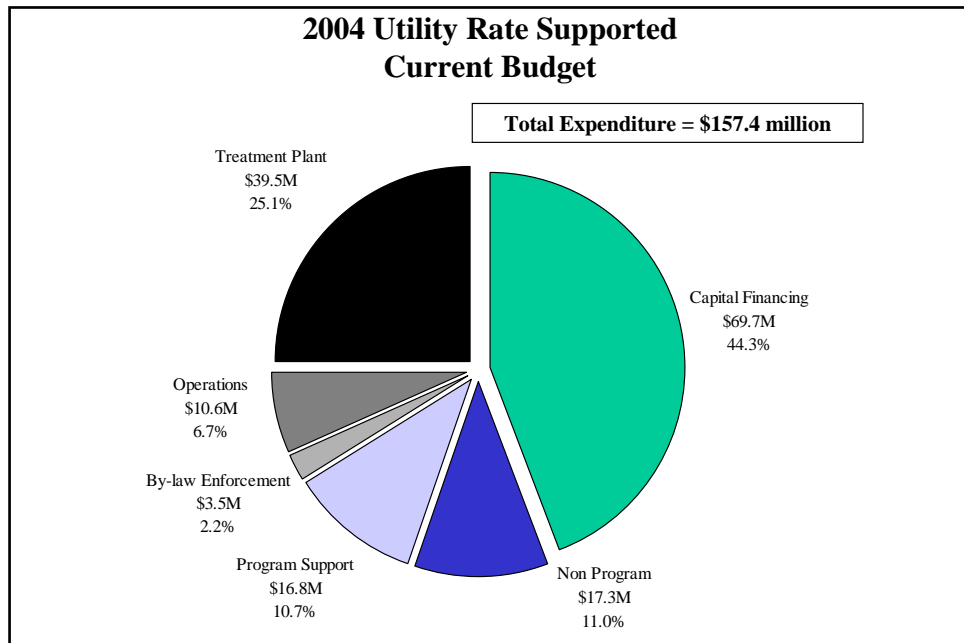


Table 5 indicates the significant components of the \$157.4 million total program costs for the 2004 Water and Wastewater programs.

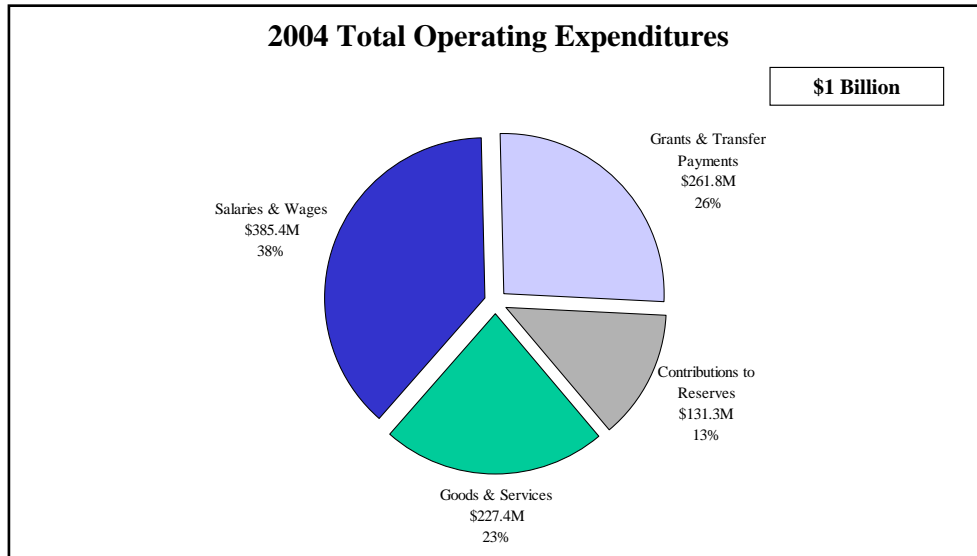
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Distribution of Total Program Expenditures

Table 6 presents the Region's 2004 Current Budget total operating expenditures by expense classification for all Region funded programs of \$1 billion, which includes both the Property Tax Supported programs (\$848.5 million) and the Utility Rate Supported programs (\$157.4 million).

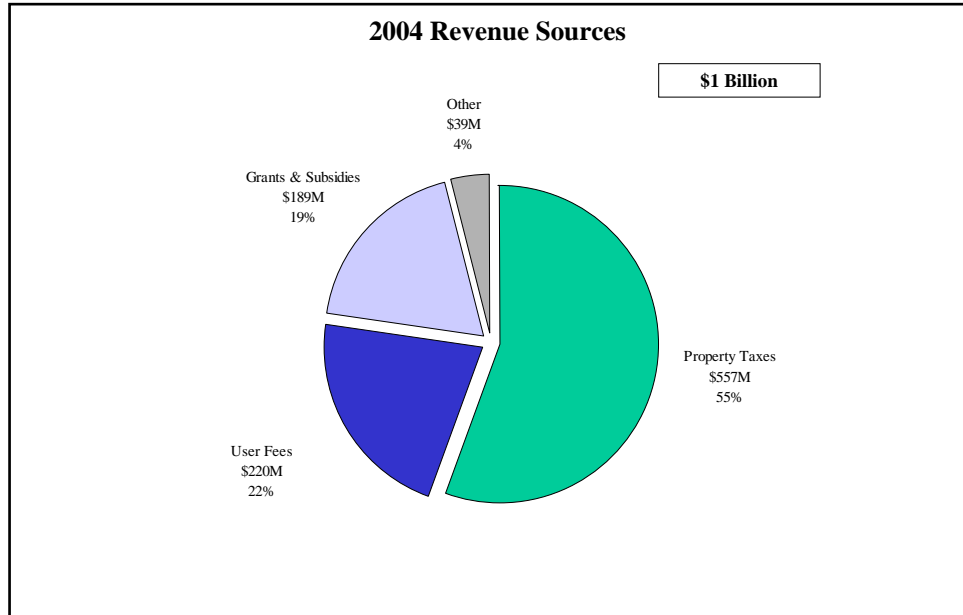
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Revenue Sources

The 2004 total operating expenditures for both Property Tax Supported and Utility Rate Supported programs is \$1 billion. The major funding sources including property taxes, user fees, and grants and subsidies, required to balance the budget are outlined in Table 7.

Table 7



Budget Summary

Comparative data for each Regional program, including total and net expenditures and revenues, is provided in Table 8. The overall impact of the 2004 Current Budget is an increase in net expenditures of \$49.8 million, combined property tax and utility rate supported budgets.

Table 8

2004 Budget Summary by Program (\$'000)

	<i>Budget 2004</i>			<i>Budget 2003</i>	<i>Change from 2003</i>		
	<i>Total Expenditure</i>	<i>Revenues Grants</i>	<i>Net Other Expenditure</i>	<i>Net Expenditure</i>	<i>\$</i>	<i>%</i>	
PROPERTY TAX SUPPORTED							
Roads	28,623	-	437	28,185	27,075	1,110	4.1
Waste Management	71,108	-	11,502	59,606	55,694	3,912	7.0
TransHelp	6,630	-	486	6,143	5,321	823	15.5
Children's Services	39,391	26,942	2,537	9,912	8,880	1,032	11.6
Public Health	44,385	25,384	708	18,293	14,349	3,943	27.5
Long Term Care	55,315	26,852	12,627	15,837	12,868	2,969	23.1
Housing Policy and Program	93,842	26,963	662	66,217	65,148	1,069	1.6
Heritage	1,236	-	204	1,032	1,019	13	1.2
Regional Planning	3,136	-	97	3,039	3,104	(65)	(2.1)
Ambulance and Emergency Programs	28,411	9,985	-	18,427	15,891	2,535	16.0
Non Program/Internal Support	31,956	-	49,674	(17,718)	(9,008)	(8,711)	96.7
Region Directly Controlled Programs	404,032	116,125	78,934	208,973	200,342	8,631	4.3
Ontario Works	115,735	73,214	210	42,310	33,714	8,596	25.5
Region Controlled Programs	519,767	189,340	79,144	251,283	234,056	17,227	7.4
Peel Regional Police	218,870	-	22,818	196,052	174,496	21,556	12.4
Ontario Provincial Police	7,048	-	190	6,858	6,233	626	10.0
	225,918	-	23,008	202,910	180,728	22,182	12.3
Ontario Disability Support Payment	24,253	-	-	24,253	21,031	3,221	15.3
Conservation Authorities	2,313	-	-	2,313	2,797	(485)	(17.3)
Assessment Services	12,206	-	-	12,206	11,352	854	7.5
GO Transit	1,000	-	-	1,000	2,000	(1,000)	(50.0)
Region Financed External Organizations	265,690	-	23,008	242,682	217,909	24,773	11.4
Greater Toronto Area Pooling	63,035	-	-	63,035	66,035	(3,000)	(4.5)
Total Property Tax Supported	848,492	189,340	102,152	557,000	518,000	39,000	7.5
UTILITY RATE SUPPORTED							
Water	77,382	-	1,582	75,800	70,210	5,590	8.0
Wastewater	80,011	-	532	79,479	74,236	5,243	7.1
Total Utility Rate Supported	157,394	-	2,115	155,279	144,446	10,833	7.5
TOTAL REGION	1,005,885	189,340	104,267	712,279	662,446	49,833	7.5

Note: Schedule may not add due to rounding