



# INFORMATION REPORT

<b>TO:</b>	Mayor and Members General Issues Committee
<b>COMMITTEE DATE:</b>	February 28, 2019
<b>SUBJECT/REPORT NO:</b>	Request for Information - 2017 Tax Competitiveness Study (FCS19016) (City Wide)
<b>WARD(S) AFFECTED:</b>	City Wide
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## COUNCIL DIRECTION

At the February 15, 2019 General Issues Committee (GIC) meeting, staff was asked to report back on information regarding how Hamilton compares to similar municipalities regarding tax competitiveness. The information is contained in the annual Municipal Competitiveness Study.

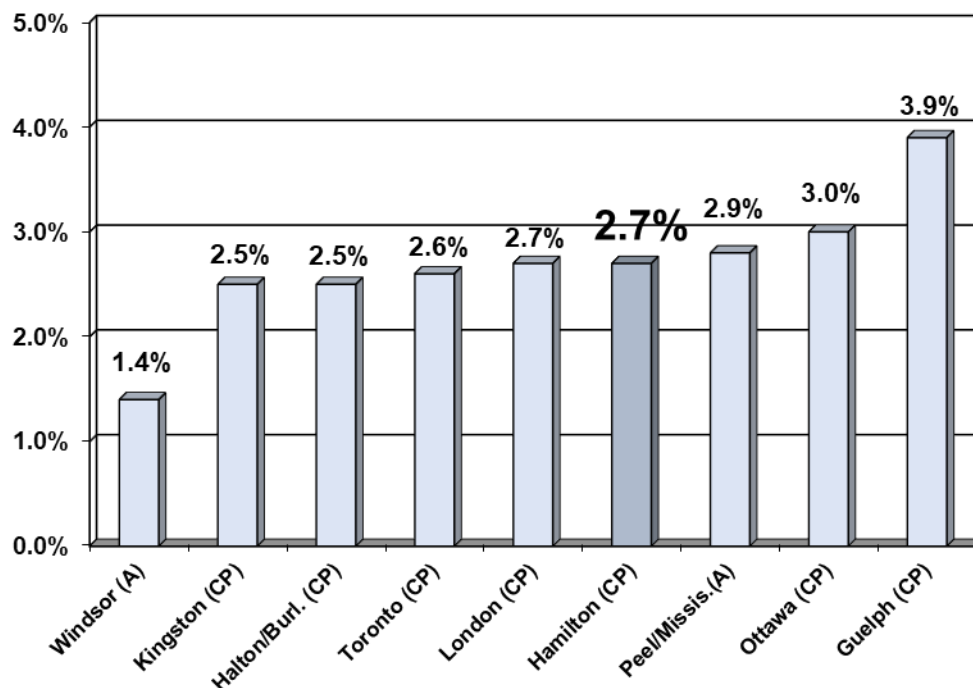
## INFORMATION

The City of Hamilton has participated in an annual tax competitiveness study since 2001. Each year, staff report on the results of this study highlighting how Hamilton's property tax burden compares to other municipalities both for the current year and the trend experienced over the previous years.

Report FCS19016 is re-submitting the 2017 Municipal Tax Competitiveness Study (Report FCS18021) presented to GIC on April 18, 2018. The Municipal Tax Competitiveness Study based on 2018 data will be brought forward to GIC in April of 2019.

Regarding the tax increases for 2019, the following graph shows how Hamilton's compares to other municipalities:

### 2019 RESIDENTIAL MUNICIPAL TAX IMPACTS



**Note: West Lincoln and Haldimand County are pending.**

*T = Target  
CP = Current Position  
A = Approved*

### APPENDICES AND SCHEDULES ATTACHED

Appendix "A" – 2017 Municipal Tax Competitiveness Study (Report FCS18021)

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