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York Region employees populate annual ?Sunshine? list

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York Region has a record number of employees who made the annual ?Sunshine? list of top-paid civil servants. In York's case, the top 10 civil servants are all over the $200,000 mark.

The top wage-earner at the Region was Karim Kurji, the medical officer of health. He earned a salary of $294,016.72.

Next was York's CAO?Bruce MacGregor, who pulled in an impressive $291,811.41 and $2,874.11 in benefits.

The third highest employee was the associate medical officer of health, Lilian Yuan, who earned $257,019.26.

She was followed by another medical colleague, Erica Weir, associate medical officer of health, who was paid $250,315.75.

Adelina Urbanski, commissioner of community and health services, received $237,101.46.

James Davidson, commissioner of corporate services, earned $218,149.40.

Commissioner of environmental services Erin Mahoney made $216,764.46.

Kathleen Llewellyn-Thomas, commissioner of transportation and community planning, made $214,868.46.

York's Chair and CEO Bill Fisch, pulled in $212,391.12 and $1,925.59 in benefits.

Rounding out the top 10 was William Hughes, commissioner of finance and treasurer, who earned $211,235,46.

Knocking at the $200K door was Dino Basso, executive director of corporate and strategic planning, who earned $196,359.15.

Next was Richard Leary, general manager of transit, who made $194,981.30.

He was followed closely by Alan Davidson, corporate project manager, who was paid $194,232.80.

Joy Hulton, regional solicitor, earned $185,936.81.

Daniel Kuzmyk, senor counsel, pulled in $178,858.29.

The Region's corporate communications director, Patrick Casey, earned $178,555.71.

He was followed David Rennie, director for corporate initiatives, who was paid $177,620.35.

Next in line over the $170K mark was Ann Bayley, director of transit operations. She earned $170,303.61.

The salaries and taxable benefits of employees in the Ontario Public Service and the broader public sector who were paid $100,000 or more in 2012 were released last week. The Public Sector Salary Disclosure Act requires public sector organizations to disclose, by March 31, the name, position, salary and taxable benefits of their employees paid $100,000 or more in the previous calendar year. For a full list, visit http://www.fin.gov.on.ca/en/publications/salarydisclosure/pssd/orgs.php?pageNum_pssd=19&organization=municipalities.