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\$100,000 club doubles

The latest list of Clarington staff earning \$100,000 or more was published on Monday. Legislation passed in 1996, makes it mandatory for public institutions to disclose annually the names, positions, salaries and taxable benefits of employees paid \$100,000 or more.

At the top of Clarington's list again for 2010 was Franklin Wu, the Chief Administrator for the municipality, who was paid \$215,000 last year.

One of the most glaring differences between this year's list and that of last year is its size.

The list of 2009 public sector salaries exceeding \$100,000 in Clarington was 23 names long. For 2010, the list contains 47 names.

The Fire Chief and the two Deputy Fire Chiefs were on the list last year - the Chief, Gord Weir, earning \$128,000 in 2009; and the two Deputies, William Hesson and Mark Berney, earning \$113,000 and \$112,000 respectively.

This year's list, reporting salaries for 2010, has the names of 15 firefighters, eight Fire Captains, and two Fire Prevention Officers, besides the Chief and the two Deputy Chiefs.

Ward 3 Councillor Corinna Traill said, at Monday's General Purpose and Administration Committee meeting, that she was concerned with the escalation of staff salaries, and she wanted staff to prepare a report comparing Clarington municipal staff salaries to like-size municipalities to the east, rather than other GTA municipalities.

As only Councillor Joe Neal supported Traill's motion, it did not pass.