

Township of Douro-Dummer Providing Financial Relief to Assist Ratepayers

Township of Douro-Dummer – At a special electronic Council meeting held on Thursday, April 2, 2020, Township Council approved financial relief options to help residents and businesses in recognition of the economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

“All members of Council are unified in this decision to make things less stressful during this situation we find ourselves in. We are all committed to helping take the pressure off our ratepayers so they can focus on doing the right thing for themselves and their families” said Mayor J. Murray Jones.

Council will be reconsidering these measures to relieve the financial stress for residents and business in 45 days time.

Waiving of Interest Charges:

The Township of Douro-Dummer is **waiving interest and penalty charges** on property **tax arrears**. Specifically:

- After the April 1st penalty there will be no **new** penalty applied on any account for a period of 60 days
- All legislated charges for penalties and interest will resume on July 1, 2020.

Pre-Authorized Property Tax Payments:

For those who are signed up for a Township of Douro-Dummer’s **Pre-Authorized Payment (PAP) Plan** and wish to stop their tax payments:

- For those on the **Monthly Plan**, please submit your request to suspend your payments no later than **April 9, 2020**.
- For those on the **Due Date Plan**, please submit your request to suspend your payments no later than **April 24, 2020**.

Typical PAP amounts for all tax payment plans will commence July 2020, unless further relief is provided by Council. Any tax payments that have been suspended will be included in the annual recalculation of pre-authorized property tax payments.

Please send your requests to Carol Anne Nelson, Deputy Treasurer/Tax Clerk via email: canelson@dourodummer.on.ca . If you do not have email please leave a voicemail with your contact information – 705-652-8392 ext. 201.

Post Dated Cheques for Tax Payments:

For those **who have already provided post-dated cheques** for the upcoming April 30th property tax instalment:

- Please submit your request to hold the deposit of your post-dated cheque no later than **April 24, 2020**.

Please send your requests to Peggy Reyner, Reception/ IT Coordinator via email: peggyr@dourodummer.on.ca . If you do not have email please leave a voicemail with your contact information – 705-652-8392 ext. 200.

If the Township does not receive direction to remove your PAP payment/postdated payment, staff will be processing the tax payments as scheduled.

We will continue to keep the community informed regarding the suspension of services. Please monitor www.dourodummer.on.ca for updates and follow our Twitter account @Douro_Dummer.

For information regarding Covid-19 and how to keep your family, friends and neighbours safe, please visit Peterborough Public Health for up to date information on the situation. <https://www.peterboroughpublichealth.ca>.

For more information please contact:

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