

April 6, 2020

Brandon City Council approved a number of recommendations from the Audit and Finance Committee relating to the impact that the COVID-19 pandemic will have on the payment of property taxes, specifically:

- 1) the extension of the 2020 property tax due date to July 31st, 2020, to be finalized with the adoption of the 2020 Tax Levy By-law later this month;
- 2) the amendment of the City of Brandon TIP (Tax Installment Plan) to allow for variable or flexible payments, as long as the balance is paid in full by the end of 2020, along with the extension of the application deadline for enrollment into the TIP program to July 15th, 2020;
- 3) waiving the \$20 "Payments not honoured by a Financial Institution" fee for the remainder of 2020; and
- 4) the deferral of penalties imposed on unpaid 2020 taxes (1.25% per month) to October 1st, 2020.

In endorsing these measures, Council noted the importance of property owners who remain financially able to continuing to pay their taxes by the due date, but that these measures have the potential to help those in the community who have been laid off, have had their work hours reduced or have had to temporarily close their business.

Additional details relating to the items listed above will be forthcoming. Once the information is available it will be posted to the City of Brandon's website.

City of Brandon COVID-19 Updates: www.brandon.ca/covid-19-updates