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## MOUNT PEARL ANNOUNCES TAX RELIEF FOR BUSINESS AND RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY OWNERS

**Mount Pearl, NL - March 25, 2020** - The City of Mount Pearl announced today that it will be waiving all interest on business tax, commercial property tax, residential tax, and water bills until September 30, 2020. The City is aiming to help offset some of the economic impact that has been felt by businesses and residents during this unprecedented COVID-19 pandemic.

“We want the businesses and residents of Mount Pearl to be focused on their health and not worry about whether they can pay their bills” said Mayor Dave Aker “We know this is a stressful time for everyone and we hope this offers some relief to our community.”

The coronavirus pandemic has disrupted business operations throughout the world, including those within the City of Mount Pearl. The tax deferral option is intended to help the City’s businesses during these difficult times and to hopefully increase employers’ access to cash so they can focus on paying employees, addressing debts and continuing operations.

The decision to waive interest will also provide immediate financial relief to the City’s residents, including families and vulnerable populations. The City will continue to set-up payment arrangements to anyone who requires them.

Tax bills will still be mailed at the usual time this summer, but taxpayers will not be charged interest on late payments prior to September 30th. Some property owners have their tax and mortgage payments combined by their bank, in these cases individuals must contact their bank for options if relief is required.

The City of Mount Pearl closed public access to all facilities, including City Hall, on March 17, 2020. For those that wish to continue with scheduled payment, they can still be made by mail, or through online bill payments, preauthorized bank debits, telephone banking or mortgage companies until City Hall reopens.

For taxation inquiries, residents and businesses call 748-1000 or visit [mountpearl.ca/taxes](http://mountpearl.ca/taxes).

For the most up-to-date information on the City of Mount Pearl’s response to COVID19, please visit [mountpearl.ca/covid19](http://mountpearl.ca/covid19).

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