

Property Tax Payment Deferral Program Details

The City of Chestermere is flexible and working with our taxpayers during this time of uncertainty.

The Assessment Notices were mailed out **March 19, 2020** and located on the bottom right hand corner of the notice, it states the following: "THIS IS NOT A BILL. TAX NOTICES ARE ISSUED IN JUNE AND PAYMENT IS DUE JULY 31, 2020."

This document was prepared prior to the announcement of the property tax payment deferral program. For clarity, the 2020 Property Taxes will be **due September 1, 2020**.

Provincial Education Taxes are collected through the City's Property Taxes services and this is legislated by the Province. The City pays the Provincial Education Taxes to the Province quarterly. On March 23, 2020 the Province announced the deferral of the June & September 2020 payment for one category, being the non-residential properties, meaning business or commercial companies, while the City is still responsible for remitting the quarterly residential Provincial Education Taxes to the Province.

In Chestermere, we are going above and beyond the Province's financial support and all categories of the Provincial Education Taxes will now follow the City's recently announced Property Tax Payment Deferral Program. **This means that both Property Taxes and Provincial Education Taxes will be due on September 1, 2020.** Regarding interest and other related charges, **these will be waived for the period of April 1 to August 31, 2020.**

Regarding property taxes and annual payments, these will be due September 1, 2020.

Regarding property taxes and the monthly automatic payments, also known as Tax Installment Payment Plan (TIPPs), upon email request, our taxpayers can defer these payments. The deferral program is offered until September 1, with the first TIPP payment to occur September 15. Should an individual taxpayer choose a shorter timeframe, either delay the starting time or begin the payments sooner for TIPPs, the City will work with each taxpayer to meet their needs.

To Apply:

To initiate your request, please email taxes@chestermere.ca the following must be provided – first and last name, address and cell number.

The City will send a confirmation that your request has been received. The City will be in touch in August to work out a payment plan for re-starting your TIPP payments on September 15th, for your annual 2020 taxes.

Important Condition: If you lease or rent the property to which this deferral applies, you are required to grant a deferral to the tenant(s) in the same manner. If you do not grant a deferral to the tenant(s), this deferral will cease and you will be responsible for making all payments, including interest and penalties, as if this deferral had not been granted.