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Dear MD Residents;

Speaking to you today, I know that each of us is facing a new set of challenges. Whether it be in your job, your business or in your personal lives, everyone has been impacted in some way by this pandemic.

Your MD Council, Administration and Staff are working hard to continue providing services that you have come to expect and to do that in the most safe and secure way possible for everyone. We are committed to improving transparency and accessibility throughout our organization when dealing with residents, businesses and community groups. Please feel free to make representation to Council on particular issues, attend Regular Council meetings at your convenience or arrange to speak directly to our Chief Administrative Officer. It is our privilege to serve as members of Council, Administration and Staff. Together we are striving to improve service levels and to find better ways to engage our community. Please call our office with any concerns, questions or suggestions for improvement.

Council and Administration have worked hard to find ways to adjust to the challenges of COVID-19. It was our desire to limit expenditures, find possible efficiencies and still maintain current service levels.

Property Taxes

- Across the board operational savings of some \$603,300 were found, and the Budget has been amended accordingly
- Council made the decision to maintain Municipal tax rates at the same level as 2019
- The Property tax deadline will remain as June 30th, 2020 but the July 1st penalty will be waived
- The November 1st penalty on outstanding taxes is reduced from 4% to 2%

Utility Payments

- Beginning April 30th, penalties on late Utility payments are waived until December 31st, 2020

School Tax Levy

- The MD is required to collect the School tax on behalf of the Province of Alberta
 - Ratepayers may find that although the School Tax Levy remains set at 2019 levels, their 2020 School Tax Levy will likely increase as it includes the portion of 2019 School Tax not previously collected.

The MD office is closed to walk-in traffic but there is a secure Drop Box at the front entry for those wishing to make payments in person. Please call or check with Administration if you must make alternate payment arrangements, however if your situation allows, please pay your property taxes by June 30th.

We continue to monitor updates to Federal and Provincial initiatives and participate in Town-Hall sessions with the Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA) and the Government of Alberta. We are continually posting information to our MD website and social media pages and will do our best to keep you up to date.

On behalf of Council and our Staff



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Reeve, MD of Pincher Creek No. 9

Education property tax for non residential properties deferral process from the Government of Alberta.

2020 non-residential education property tax

The Government of Alberta is doing everything it can to support businesses through the COVID-19 pandemic. On March 23, 2020, the government announced property tax changes to assist businesses and keep the economy running.

To help businesses remain solvent, the government is deferring six months' worth of education property tax for all non-residential properties in Alberta.

What this means for you

Businesses will see their 2020 education property tax amount deferred this year. Education property tax amounts will not begin to be collected until October 2020.

We encourage you pay the full amount of your taxes now if you are able to. Property owners are strongly encouraged to immediately pass on the benefits of any tax deferrals to their business tenants.

While deferred taxes are still due in 2020, we are also encouraging municipalities to implement flexible payment plans for non-residential property owners unable to pay fully in 2020.

For further information about your municipality's specific approach, please contact your municipal administration using the contact information provided on the tax notice.

