



Overdue Accounts and Tax Collections Strategy

April 23rd, 2024

Dear Residents,

An important initiative of a Municipality is the commitment to fiscal responsibility and ensuring the financial stability of our community. Council will now be implementing a comprehensive strategy to address outstanding taxes.

Council will be undertaking the following steps to collect outstanding taxes:

- 1. Water Shut Off** – Effective immediately, properties with severely delinquent accounts will face water shut-off until the outstanding taxes are paid in full. This action is being taken as a last resort to compel compliance with tax obligations and ensure equitable treatment for all taxpayers.
- 2. Seizure of Rental Revenue** – In cases where property owners have rental income, Council reserves the right to seize rental payments to offset outstanding taxes owed to the Municipality.
- 3. Sale of Property** – Properties with long-standing overdue accounts may be subject to sale by Council to recover unpaid taxes. This measure will be taken in accordance with applicable laws and regulations governing property, seizure, and sale.
- 4. Small Claims Court** – For accounts that remain unpaid despite previous attempts at communications and resolutions, Council will pursue legal action through Small Claims Court to recover outstanding taxes.

It is important to note that the one-time forgiveness policy will no longer be available after December 31st, 2024. Residents are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity and make arrangements prior to June 30th, 2024, to avoid additional interest charges and potential enforcement actions.

We understand that some residents may be facing financial difficulties, and we are committed to working with individuals to find mutually acceptable payment arrangements. If you are experiencing financial hardship or require assistance in settling your overdue taxes, please contact our office as soon as possible to discuss your options.

We urge all residents with outstanding taxes to take prompt action to address their obligations and avoid further consequences. Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated and essential to the success of our tax collection efforts.

For Further information or assistance, please do not hesitate to contact our accounts department. Together, we can ensure the financial well-being of our community and maintain the services and infrastructure that benefit us all.

Thank you for your attention on this important matter.

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