

March 30, 2020

Ann-Marie Norio
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Sent via email: Ann-Marie.Norio@niagararegion.ca

**Re: COVID-19 Pandemic - Municipal Tax and Service Charge Deferral
Our File 10.57.19**

Dear Ms. Norio,

At its special meeting held on March 27, 2020, St. Catharines City Council approved the following motion:

The recommendations in this report are intended for use in the emergency situation known as the COVID-19 pandemic. Staff are confident that these measures will contribute and support the wellbeing of the residents and businesses of St Catharines. These recommendations can be revisited at upcoming Council Meetings as desired:

- Defer the April 30th Interim Tax Instalment to June 30th
- Waive Tax Penalty and Interest Charges until June 30th
- Waive Water and Wastewater Penalty and Interest Charges until June 30th
- Waive Accounts Receivable Penalty and Interest Charges until June 30th
- Continue to process Pre-Authorized Payments (PAP) for taxes and water unless suspended in writing by the payor
- Waive charges for any cheques or pre-authorized payments (PAP) returned for non-sufficient funds (NSF) or payments stopped by the payor
- Amend the 2020 Final Tax Levy instalment dates of June 30 and September 30 to July 31 and October 30, 2020, respectively
- Defer the 2020 Water and Wastewater rate increase from April 1st to July 1st
- Parking enforcement is limited to safety-related issues, including but not limited to, fire-routes, accessible parking, no-parking areas and fire hydrants, until June 30th, 2020
- Waive payment for on-street parking or in a municipal parking lot or garages
- Water services shall not be disconnected by the City of St Catharines for nonpayment of water and wastewater billings until June 30th, 2020
- Waive late fees for 2020 Dog Licences
- Waive late fees for 2020 General Business Licences

- That the Region of Niagara be requested to defer their payments requirement by 90 days to align with the change in instalment dates.
- That the Region of Niagara be requested to defer their water and wastewater monthly payments until June 30th
- That the Province of Ontario be requested to defer the June and September school board payment requirements by 90 days; and

That Council approve the above recommendations and that all actions taken by staff to implement these recommendations prior to March 27, 2020 be hereby ratified; and

That the City Solicitor be directed to prepare or amend the necessary by-law(s).
FORTHWITH

If you have any questions, please contact the Office of the City Clerk at extension 1524.



Bonnie Nistico-Dunk, City Clerk
Legal and Clerks Services, Office of the City Clerk
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cc. Kristine Douglas, Director of Financial Management Services and City Treasurer



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April 1, 2020

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Attention: Ann-Marie Norio, Regional Clerk

Dear Ms. Norio:

Re: Water and Sewer Invoices

Please be advised Thorold City Council, at its March 31, 2020 meeting, adopted the following motions:

1. That the Water Sewer Budget 2020 and related pricing increase normally scheduled for the April billing be deferred to the June billing, which would be due at the end of July.
2. That the Water Sewer Budget report be brought forward for Council consideration and implementation in late-May, to be effective for the June billing with a July 31st due date.
3. That should it be required due to COVID-19 pandemic ramifications to revisit the deferral date, that a further report be prepared for Council
4. That the Region be requested to defer collection of the water and sewer monthly invoices until June 30, 2020.
5. That the Region be requested to defer their 2020 price increase, and bill at the 2019 rates for the period up to June 30, 2020.

Yours truly,

Donna Delvecchio,
City Clerk

ec: M. Dilwaria, Chief Administrative Officer
Council Agenda – April 21, 2020

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April 8, 2020

File No. 20-37

SENT VIA EMAIL

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Attention: Ann-Marie Norio, Regional Clerk

Dear Ms. Ann-Marie Norio:

Re: April 1, 2020 – WELLAND CITY COUNCIL

At its meeting of April 1, 2020, Welland City Council passed the following motion:

“THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND approves that the Water Sewer Budget 2020 and related pricing increase normally scheduled for the April, May and June billing be deferred to the billing cycle starting July 1, 2020; and further THAT Welland City Council directs staff that should it be required due to COVID-19 pandemic ramifications to revisit the deferral date that a further report be prepared for Council; and further THAT Niagara Region be requested to defer collection of the Water and Sewer monthly invoices until June 30; and further THAT Niagara Region be requested to defer their 2020 price increase, and bill at the 2019 rates, for the period up to June 30.”

Yours truly,

Tara Stephens
City Clerk

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c.c.: S. Zorbas, General Manager, Corporate Services, Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer, sent via email