



Centre Wellington

Township of Centre Wellington

Economic Response Plan

1. Property Tax

- Tax installments due April 30: Penalty and interest for non-payment, and non-sufficient funds charges for returned payment will be waived until June 30, 2020
- Non-residential and multi-residential property owners with an installment due March 31st will have until May 31st to make a payment without incurring penalty and interest charges.
- The Township is encouraging business/property owners currently on Pre-Authorized Payment (PAP) to continue PAP plans. If paying the full installment is difficult at this time, we encourage property owners to reduce their PAP withdrawal amount to half for May and June. It is important that property owners recognize this is a deferral of taxes and not a reduction of property taxes. Anyone interested in reducing their PAP amounts are asked to contact the Township office at 519-846-9691, ext. 902.
- Postponing Planned Property Tax Reassessment: The government is postponing the planned property tax reassessment for 2021. Postponing the reassessment will provide stability for Ontario's property taxpayers and municipalities. This means that 2021 tax levies will be based on 2020 assessment values.

2. Water/Wastewater Payments

- The Township will waive all penalties and interest on water/sewer payments for 60 days.

3. Planning Applications

- Development applications received prior to the closure are currently being processed.
- Time sensitive inquiries will be handled by Planning staff.
- Staff are still accepting applications and processing applications by e-mail, sent to planning@centrewellington.ca

4. Building Permits and Inspections

- Building permit applications received prior to closure are currently being processed.
- Building inspections have resumed under strict guidelines.

- New applications can be submitted to building@centrewellington.ca

5. Noise by-law

- New Provincial legislation in response to COVID-19 restricts municipalities from regulating noise made in connection with the delivery of goods.

6. Small Business Consultations

- Business consultation services and support is available through the Fergus Small Business Office, a service provided by the Township and the Guelph Wellington Business Centre. They can be reached by going to <https://www.quelphbusiness.com/> and clicking on the BOOK NOW tab; and choose a date/time that work best for you. All appointments are being done virtually; the advisors will be in touch before the appointment to confirm your appointment style i.e. phone, zoom or skype.

7. Information Resources

- Economic Development staff will continue respond to inquiries and provide up-to-date information and resources to the business community. Staff are available via phone or email to provide information and support.

8. Economic Task Force

The Centre Wellington Economic Development Task Force will continue to collaborate and seek feedback from the business community in order to provide on-going support.

RESOURCES FOR BUSINESS

A comprehensive list of available resources is available on the Township of Centre Wellington at www.centrewellington.ca/economicdevelopment and provides an overview of information and resources currently available to the business community. The list will be updated as new details and programs are released. Additionally the Centre Wellington Chamber of Commerce is also tracking programs and support for business at www.cwchamber.ca

This is a rapidly evolving situation; discussions and decisions are ongoing. Any changes in operations will be communicated and posted to the Townships website at www.centrewellington.ca/emergencyplanning and on our social media platforms, www.facebook.com/CentreWellington and Twitter www.twitter.com/CentrWellington