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## **Township Extends Financial and Economic Supports in Response to COVID-19 Challenges**

**Woolwich, ON** – May 13, 2020 – Last night, Woolwich Township Council approved extending immediate short-term economic relief measures to support residents and businesses for an additional 30 days. To help offer some financial flexibility to those significantly impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, the Township will be waiving penalties and interest on property taxes, late payment charges on utility bills and invoices, and non-sufficient fund (NSF) fee charges for the month of June 2020.

In addition, Council approved additional relief and support for residents and business including:

- an application-based property tax deferral program. The new program, which will launch in June, will allow residents and businesses to apply to extend 2020 final property tax bill due dates by 60 days; and
- the suspension of collection activities up to and including August 31, 2020.

The COVID-19 pandemic has created economic uncertainty and a financial strain on our community's businesses and residents. With the initial phase of economic relief coming to an end on May 31, 2020, the Waterloo Region Area Treasurers group has been working on a Phase II approach which will allow continued financial and economic relief to residents and businesses that still require it.

The Township is committed to supporting our valued business community through the Business and Economic Support Team in Waterloo Region (BESTWR) by continuing to advocate for future economic support from federal and provincial levels of government.

Customers can continue to make payments through a Pre-Authorized Payment Plan, online banking, by mail or by the payment box located at the Maple Street side of the Township Administration Building located at 24 Church Street West in Elmira.

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