



# COUNTY OF WELLINGTON

## Media Release

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### **COUNTY INCREASES TAX RELIEF AMOUNT FOR LOW INCOME SENIORS AND LOW INCOME PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES**

**WELLINGTON COUNTY, ON-** On March 17, 2020, the Government of Ontario declared a State of Emergency due to COVID-19 pandemic. This shutdown has affected all of us, especially our most vulnerable resident population.

At today's County Council meeting, Council approved (upon consultation with all seven member municipalities), that the minimum tax rebate amount for low income seniors and low income persons with disabilities be increased from \$200 to \$400 to provide additional financial assistance during this time.

#### **Additional Information:**

- The intent of this policy is to provide a mechanism to assist those least able to pay a significant increase in taxes due to reassessment
- The minimum rebate of \$400 will be granted to eligible applicants experiencing a minor tax increase lower than the \$400 threshold
- Qualified applicants experiencing a minor decrease in taxes from the previous year will receive the minimum rebate of \$400 less the amount of the tax decrease
- Due to the State of Emergency, qualified applicants need only make their first property tax instalment before becoming eligible to apply for the 2020 rebate (normally applicants need to paid the full year)
- Applications may be made any time following payment of the first tax instalment up to and including the deadline of November 1, 2020

"I want to thank staff and Council members at all levels of government for working together to pass this resolution quickly so we can relieve some of the financial hardship that low income seniors and low income persons with disabilities are currently facing," said Warden Kelly Linton.

For complete programme details and eligibility requirements, please visit: [www.wellington.ca/taxrelief](http://www.wellington.ca/taxrelief)

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