

DUE DATE FOR TAXES


Current taxes are due on or before June 30th.

In accordance with the Municipal Government Act, payments will be considered paid on June 30th if received at City Hall by 4:30 p.m., postmarked by Canada Post or processed by a financial institution on June 30th.

If a Canada Post postmark is absent or illegible, the date received by the City of Medicine Hat will be considered the payment date. Commercial postage meter imprints will NOT be honoured.

Appeals against the assessed value do not extend the time for payment nor are penalties exempted.

METHODS OF PAYMENT

- **In Person:** Payment may be made at Cashiers, Main Floor City Hall, between 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday. Cash, cheque or Interac accepted.
- **Mail to:** City of Medicine Hat
580 1st Street SE
Medicine Hat AB
T1A 8E6 
- **After Hours Drop Box:** Payments made by cheque can be deposited in the drop box at the west entrance to City Hall. Please do not leave cash in the drop box.
- **Financial Institutions/Telephone Banking:** Payments may also be made at Treasury Branches, Chartered Banks, Trust Companies, Credit Unions or using telephone/internet banking. Please ensure your **taxation account number** is registered for telephone/internet banking.
- **Post-dated Cheques:** Post-dated cheques will be accepted by the City of Medicine Hat. Cheques must be dated for the due date or earlier.
- **Mortgage Company Payments:** If your mortgage company is paying your taxes they will receive an invoice for your taxes and you will receive the original tax notice for your records. The property tax notice will show the name of your mortgage company and your mortgage number. If the mortgage company name and number do not appear on the notice and you believe it should, contact your mortgage company immediately.

Make cheques payable to the City of Medicine Hat and ensure the remittance portion of your notice accompanies your payment. Please ensure your cheque is completed accurately as the City of Medicine Hat is not responsible for errors and/or omissions.

MONTHLY PAYMENT PROGRAMS

Tax Instalment Payment Plan (TIPP)

Persons making regular monthly payments under the Tax Instalment Payment Plan (TIPP) are reminded NOT to make extra payments at this time. All payments, under TIPP, will be processed using the same automatic transfer method as used for your regular monthly instalment payments.

Persons wishing to commence tax payments under TIPP are required to make application to Customer Service, Main Floor, City Hall before June 30th of the current year. An initial payment equal to the total of the missed instalments of the current year plus a late filing fee of 2% of the initial payment will be required at time of application.

Tax Arrears Payment Plan (TAPP)

Persons with taxes in arrears wishing to make regular monthly payments under the Tax Arrears Payment Plan (TAPP) should make application to Customer Service, Main Floor, City Hall.

If you are paying your taxes under the TAPP, you may make additional, partial or full payment of the remaining taxes owing at any time.

DEFAULTED PAYMENTS

If payments are returned by the bank, taxes are considered unpaid. A \$30.00 service charge will be levied for each dishonoured payment. Persons on a Payment Plan will have future monthly withdrawals increased to account for the dishonoured payment. If more than two instalments are dishonoured, participation in the payment plan may be cancelled.

TAX PENALTIES

Tax penalty applied to unpaid current taxes:

- 3.65% - July 1
- 0.52% - First day of each month August to December inclusive

Tax penalty applied to taxes in arrears:

- 0.53% - January 1, 2011
- 0.52% - First day of each month February to December inclusive

OVERPAYMENT OF TAXES

Where there is an overpayment of taxes, interest will be applied on the prior month's minimum balance at the rate of:

- 0.05% - First day of each month August to December inclusive

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

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