

CITY OF HAMILTON

NOTICE OF MOTION

Council Date: May 20, 2020

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR C. COLLINS.....

Property Tax Assistance Measures – Monthly Pre-authorized Payments

WHEREAS, in light of the current Covid-19 pandemic, Council approved Property Tax Assistance and Other Measures (FCS20038) on April 8, 2020;

WHEREAS, one of the approved assistance measures was the 60-day waiving of penalty and interest charges on the April 30th property tax instalment;

WHEREAS, for taxpayers not able to pay the April 30th instalment, full payment would be required by June 30th in order to avoid penalty and interest charges;

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton offers several monthly pre-authorized payment plans;

WHEREAS, taxpayers are currently not eligible to enrol in monthly pre-authorized payments, if their April 30th property tax instalment is outstanding; and,

WHEREAS, providing some flexibility to the monthly pre-authorized payment plans during these unprecedented times will assist in increasing enrolment in pre-authorized payments, which in turn allows the City to continue to receive property tax payments, while providing additional assistance to taxpayers for the remainder of the 2020 taxation year.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED:

That additional assistance be provided to taxpayers wishing to enroll in monthly pre-authorized payments commencing in July, 2020, by allowing the inclusion of the outstanding April 30th property tax instalment in the calculation of the monthly payments for the remainder of 2020.