

## St. Catharines offers tax relief to non-residential property owners

**Sept. 25, 2020** – The City of St. Catharines is rolling out tax relief to non-residential property owners to provide support from the COVID-19 pandemic.

This new program is open to owners of occupied commercial, shopping centre, parking lot or office property who can demonstrate financial hardship related to COVID-19. If the application is approved, property tax payments can be deferred from July 31 and Oct. 30 to Nov. 30, 2020.

“This application-based program will offer assistance to commercial property owners who have no other financial options and who continue to experience severe financial impacts,” said **Manager of Revenue Lisa Read**. “Property owners with tenants are expected to transfer the benefits of this deferral to their tenant, in order to support our local business owners.”

Applications must be accompanied by documents that demonstrate financial hardship from excessive business revenue loss or temporary business closure, or some other financial hardship related directly to the COVID-19 pandemic.

All other property taxes and subclasses do not qualify for the deferral, including residential, multi residential, new multi residential, farm landfill, managed forest, vacant land, excess land, farmland awaiting development, industrial, large Industrial and all payment in lieu.

To learn more about this and other City of St. Catharines tax relief programs and apply, visit the assistance program section at [www.stcatharines.ca/taxes](http://www.stcatharines.ca/taxes).

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