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For Immediate Release

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To: Representatives of the Media

From: Trena DeBruijn, Director of Finance/Treasurer

Subject: 2021, 2022 or 2023 Property Tax Relief for Low Income Seniors and Low Income Persons with Disabilities within the County of Peterborough

County Council passed By-law No. 2020-34, being a by-law to allow for relief of a residential tax increase in 2021, 2022 or 2023 for Low Income Seniors and Low Income Persons with Disabilities.

A Low Income Person with disability(ies) must submit an application with evidence of the receipt of benefits being paid under the Ontario Disability Support Program Act, 1997, or a disability amount paid under the Family Benefits Act (Ontario) or a person receiving a Canada Pension Plan Disabilities Pension, and be eligible to claim a disability amount as defined under the Income Tax Act (Canada).

A Low Income Senior who is 65 years of age or older as of December 31st of the previous year and is in receipt of benefits paid under the Guaranteed Income Supplement (GIS), as established under the Old Age Security Act (Canada).

Applications may be filed by an eligible person to the Treasurer of one of the Lower-Tier municipalities for the purpose of receiving relief of a tax increase in 2021, 2022, and 2023. The owner(s) or spouse of the owner or both must occupy the property as their principal residence for which the application for tax relief is made.

Applications may be filed by eligible individuals with the Treasurer of your local municipality by November 15, 2021 for tax relief in 2021; by November 15, 2022 for tax relief in 2022; and by November 15, 2023 for tax relief in 2023. Eligible property owners are entitled to tax relief provided that the said tax increase for any single year exceeds \$50.00 to a maximum relief of up to \$200.00 in any given year, which the Municipal Treasurer may approve or deny.

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Below is an excerpt from Tax Relief By-law 2020-34:

4. "The Treasurer shall adjust the collector's roll and provide for a tax relief in 2021, 2022, and 2023 for the tax increase subject to the following conditions:
 - (a) The applicant must properly complete the municipal application form and file same with the Treasurer of the lower-tier municipality by November 15th of the year so applied.
 - (b) Applications must include documentation in supporting the applicant is an eligible person and that the property with respect to which the application is made is an eligible property.
 - (c) Evidence of ownership must be submitted with the application.
5. The maximum amount of relief granted shall be no more than \$200.00 in any given year.
6. The tax relief applies only to increases in tax based upon assessment values and does not apply to any additional charges that may be levied against the property, including but not restricted to local improvement charges, or any other miscellaneous types of charges added to the Tax Roll for collection purposes.
7. No tax relief granted pursuant to this by-law shall be allowed to an owner in respect of more than one (1) single family dwelling unit in any year and the residence must be solely classified in the Residential tax classification.
8. Tax relief shall be granted, pursuant to this by-law, to only one eligible person per household.
9. A relief shall be granted for a tax increase only where the balance of property tax is current and all arrears have been paid in full.
10. Successful applications will result in a credit applied to the eligible property tax account.
11. Credits will not be refunded but will be applied to future property taxes.

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Application forms are available on the County website at <http://ptbocounty.ca> or by contacting your Municipal Treasurer at the local municipal office below:

Township of Asphodel-Norwood	705-639-5343
Township of Cavan Monaghan	705-932-2929
Township of Douro-Dummer	705-652-8392
Township of Havelock-Belmont-Methuen	705-778-2308
Township of North Kawartha	705-656-4445
Township of Otonabee-South Monaghan	705-295-6852
Township of Selwyn	705-292-9507
Municipality of Trent Lakes	705-738-3800

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