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### **Financial Relief for Residents and Businesses Affected by Covid-19**

In an effort to assist property owners and businesses affected during the Covid-19 pandemic, Canal Flats Staff and Council are working on the following initiatives:

- Deferring property taxes by two months (to August 31, 2020);
- Temporary termination of water or sewer fees for vacant commercial or residential buildings;
- Looking out for, and passing on, any changes to Provincial legislation that may benefit taxpayers

In the coming weeks, Council will review the taxation bylaw to allow two additional months to pay 2020 property taxes. Because municipal water and sewer fees are part of our property tax billing they will be deferred as well.

Property owners whose commercial or residential property will be vacant for an extended period of time should make written application to the Village for termination of water or sewer charges for the term of the vacancy. Applications can be found on our website at [www.canalflats.ca](http://www.canalflats.ca). For more information, please contact the Village office at 250-349-5462 (leave a message) or email us at [village@canalflats.ca](mailto:village@canalflats.ca).

Village Council and Staff know this is an unprecedented time in all of our lives and are working to support Village residents as we all adapt to them. Together, we will get through this.