

Big City COVID-19 Relief Measures**Current as of 2020 May 5**

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Property tax	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Council has extended the payment period for property taxes from July to September 30 -City has called on province to expand the existing property tax deferment program to cover residents, businesses and non-profits who need it 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -The 2020 budget absorbs financial impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic that could have meant a municipal tax levy increase of 7.6% to address the impacts of the tax-supported revenue losses. -Late penalties on unpaid taxes will not be charged until September 1. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -The tax payment deadline for 2020 property tax has been extended from June 30 to September 30 without a 7% late payment penalty, providing flexibility during these difficult times. A penalty of 7% will be added to any unpaid balance on October 1. -The Tax Instalment Payment Plan (TIPP) filing fee has been suspended for 2020. Join TIPP to make budgeting easier or cancel TIPP to increase your immediate cash flow and rejoin later in 2020 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -60-day grace period for personal and commercial property taxes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Small commercial and Personal property taxes deferred until October 30 -In order to qualify, must have experienced hardship directly related to COVID-19 -Must apply prior to July 31 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Property tax deadline postponed from June 1 to July 2

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Economic Resilience Governance	-Working together with the Mayors of Metro Vancouver	-Edmonton has struck a senior administrative working group to consider the recovery stage. -The Strategic Response to COVID-19 project will assess the provincial, national and global impacts of the pandemic relative to the City of Edmonton. It will develop potential recovery scenarios and assess their impacts on the City's financial position, its strategic priorities and key indicators over the next 18-24 months.	-As part of The City of Calgary's efforts to help limit the spread of COVID-19, we have created the Economic Resilience Task Force (ERTF). -The ERTF will provide recommendations for City actions as well as support measures for other orders of government, our local business community and Calgary's community-at-large. -These recommendations will focus on economic relief measures to support Calgarians and local business during and after COVID-19.	-Mayor Tory launched Toronto's Recovery and Rebuild Strategy, managed by the Economic Support and Recovery Task Force -Strategy will focus on recovery strategies and actions to help the local economy, including stimulus strategies to ensure the economy can bounce back. -Will also work on making the municipal government more effective, efficient and resilient. -Toronto Public Health will be helping with every step along the way -Toronto is also working with regional partners	-Has an economic recovery task team chaired by GM of Planning, Infrastructure and Economic Development -Mandate is to develop Ottawa's economic relief and recovery strategy ensure alignment with federal and provincial staging and continued engagement and collaboration with Ottawa Public Health -Areas of focus include ramping up of economic development including high economic impact activities, support infra and construction activities, identify city services that are crucial enablers to	-On April 23, Mayor Plante laid the groundwork for a financial plan meant to offset the impacts of the global COVID-19 pandemic. This will contribute towards balanced financial results for this year. - Montreal is also working on an Economic Plan (Plan de relance) to boost economic activities after the pandemic. Focus will be put on infrastructures (roads and water), housing and public transit. - Montreal aims to ask for more funding to the Quebec government regarding sectors and projects under its responsibility but suffering from

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			-The recommendations will also focus on measures for a coordinated short-term response, medium-term recovery and long-term resilience-building activities.	on a common frame and alignment with Province on re-opening. -New Recovery and Rebuild Office launched on April 24 with mandate to coordinate a city-wide approach informed by public health evidence and best practices, to bring innovation to the City's recovery strategies and actions.	reestablishing employment and supporting businesses to restart.	lack of financial resources. -Regional partners and other governing bodies work with Montreal in order to establish their own plan.
Workforce Reductions	-Lay-off of 1,800 unionized staff -Mandatory furlough for management/exempt staff amounting to 10% pay cut -Restriction on new hiring	-On April 27, Edmonton announced an additional 900 temporary layoffs, following the March 30 layoff of 1,600 City employees and 400 Library employees	-Lay-off of 1,200 temporary and part time workers	-Re-deployed union and non-union staff to front line services (those choosing not to are placed on emergency leave with benefits and can apply for CERB). (media reported up to 1,900 redeployments to occur so far).	-Didn't hire 5,400 seasonal employees	-Montreal and unions have acted in solidarity and agreed to suspend negotiations for the renewal of agreements, uniting in their efforts to limit the impacts of the current pandemic

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				<p>-Requested to federal government to allow 75% top-up to CERB</p> <p>-Agencies and corporations have begun layoffs including transit commission (1,000 – 1,200 operators, 200 non-union), others (over 500 at least).</p> <p>-the Province of Ontario has issued various emergency orders respecting work redeployment measures for certain divisions and for municipalities in general.</p>		
Utilities	-Provincial BC Hydro allows deferral of bill payments with no penalties and disconnections have been suspended	-Residential, small commercial and far customers who are experiencing difficulty paying can delay for 90	-Residential customers, and small business customers who used less than 2,500 m3 of water in 2019, may request payment deferral for 3	<p>-60-day grace period for personal and commercial utility payments (ends May 15)</p> <p>-Toronto Hydro (city corporation) regulated by</p>	<p>-30-day grace period from original due dates</p> <p>-Suspended disconnections</p>	-Provincial Hydro Quebec suspending fees on late utility payments, and residences can call and negotiate deferral periods

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	-Also established a bill credit for people who cannot pay directly because of COVID-19	days, with no late fees -No disconnections	months from March 18 to June 19, 2020 without penalty or interest. -Customers requesting payment deferral who used more than 2,500 m3 in 2019 will be referred by ENMAX to The City for review and decision.	province – province under emergency order suspended time of use rates. As of March 24, 2020, households, farms and small businesses that pay time-of-use electricity rates will be charged the off-peak rate of 10.1¢ per kWh, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. -Toronto Hydro (city corporation) has suspended electricity disconnections until July 31, 2020		
Transit	-Translink suspended bus fares (but will resume fare collection on June 1)	-ETS suspended fare collection on March 21	-Deferral of low income transit pass and seniors pass -No cash/transfers accepted on buses	-No transit fare deferrals -No longer accepting non-electronic payment	-No transit fare deferrals -No longer accepting non-electronic payment	-No deferral
Business licenses/fees	-Offices are closed	-	-Waive business licence renewal fee	-Offices closed, and many new licenses/permits not being issued.	-	-Postponement of contributions to the commercial development society

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Building inspections and permits	-Offices are closed, but inspections still taking place	-	-Temporary elimination of certain development permit charges -Application submissions and reviews online -Flexibility on extensions on the expiry of development permits	-	-	-Permit counters reopens on appointment on May 4th
Grants	-	-	-	-	-	-Montreal has enhanced a provincial measure to support businesses that need a loan less than 50K. Will be provided in the form of a loan at 3% provided by PME Montreal, the business support network -Providing a 6-month moratorium on capital and interest to local businesses that have received a loan through PME Montreal

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						-The eligibility period for three commercial programs has been postponed to a later date
Reserves	-Has used the City's stabilization reserve to temporarily offset a portion of the budget shortfall	-The City is not using funds from the Financial Stabilization Reserve to offset the challenges at this time	-No use of reserves at this time	-	-	-
Parking	-Parking enforcement was suspended until May 1	-	-	- Parking enforcement has been suspended for the following offences: -On-Street Permit Parking Areas -On-Street Time Limit Offences such a 1, 2 and 3 Hour Parking -North York Winter Maintenance Bylaw -Expired Vehicle Validation License Plates -Boulevard Parking -School Zones with posted No Stopping/No	-Changes to on street parking to facilitate deliveries / line-ups -Eliminated noise bylaw for late night deliveries	-The annual increase in parking fees has been suspended. -Safety corridors were put in place on parking lanes along major commercial streets to widen sidewalks. -Street cleaning resumed on May 1st but for a month, violators will be given warnings instead of fines. -The public parking of two large Montreal parks

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				Standing/No Parking Signage		are closed to discourage visitors from outside town.