

GUIDE TO YOUR INTERIM 2015 PROPERTY TAX BILL

Tax Bill Due Dates Your 2015 Interim taxes are due as follows:

FIRST INSTALLMENT:	MARCH 4
SECOND INSTALLMENT:	MAY 6

Avoid Penalty

All payments, including those by mail, must be received by the due dates.

If You Do Not Have Your Bill For Any Reason

Contact the Revenue Division at (807) 625-2255 to obtain a copy. Where payment is not made because the bill was not received, penalties will not be cancelled.

IMPORTANT DEADLINES FOR REBATES, CREDITS OR ADJUSTMENTS

February 28, 2015

- deadline to request in writing a tax adjustment for 2014 taxes.
 Please include your tax roll number on correspondence.
 The Municipal Act, 2001 provides for tax adjustments to be considered for property changes such as ownership to an exempt body, building razed by fire or demolished, removal of a mobile home or clerical errors.
- deadline to apply for a 2014 property tax rebate for commercial or industrial properties or portions thereof that have been vacant for a minimum 90 day period.
- deadline to apply for a 2014 property tax rebate for registered charities and not-for-profit organizations occupying commercial property.

June 30, 2015

 deadline to apply for a 2015 property tax and water credit for low-income seniors and low-income persons with disabilities.

December 31, 2015

 deadline to request in writing a tax adjustment under Section 358 of the <u>Municipal Act, 2001</u> for 2014 or 2013 taxes.

Appeal Process for Your Assessment

The Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) classifies and assesses all properties in Ontario under the Assessment Act and regulations established by the Provincial Government.

You may contact MPAC toll free at 1 866 296-MPAC (6722) to discuss your assessment or verify details about your property.

Find out about reconsiderations on the MPAC web site at www.mpac.ca or by calling their toll free number at 1-866-296-MPAC (6722). Find out about assessment appeals on the ARB web site at www.arb.gov.on.ca or by calling their toll free number at 1-866-448-2248 or 1-416-212-6349.

EXAMPLE OF CODES

First Letter is
Property Class
ex. Residential

Last Two Letters
are School Support
ex. English Public

Second Letter is Other Codes ex. Taxable

FIRST LETTER -PROPERTY CLASS

R Residential

M Multi-residential C Commercial

I Industrial

L Large Industrial

P Pipeline

F Farm

T Managed Forests

X Commercial (New Construction)

J Industrial (New Construction)

SECOND LETTER - OTHER CODES

X Vacant Land

U Excess Land

T Taxable

G General

LAST TWO LETTERS -SCHOOL SUPPORT

EP English Public

FP French Public

ES English Separate

FS French Separate

N No Support Designated

If you have any questions about your property taxes or payment options, please contact the Revenue Division: 500 Donald St. E., Thunder Bay, ON P7E 5V3, (807) 625-2255, or www.thunderbay.ca/revenue

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CHOOSE FROM 7 WAYS TO PAY

Pick Your Withdrawal Plan

The Pre-authorized Tax Payment plans offer you the convenience of having no cheques to write, no worries about overdue payments, and no line-ups at your bank or city cashiers. Enrolment in the Plan is free and there are no service charges that apply.

Choose from our two plans:

Monthly – 12 monthly payments are automatically withdrawn from your bank account on the first of each month.

Tax Due Date – Property taxpayers receive two tax bills per year, an interim tax bill in February and a final tax bill in June. Each bill has two installment due dates for a total of four tax due dates per year. With this program, the actual amount due as billed will be withdrawn on the due dates.

(807) 625-2255 for more information on our two plans or visit www.thunderbay.ca\revenue to download the application form.

By epost Internet Services

Use epost, the City's secure bill viewing and payment service provider to access your property tax bill online. Store your bills electronically for up to seven years. View them any time, from anywhere, online. All taxpayers are eligible to receive their tax bill online even if their payments are made through the City's Pre-authorized Tax Payment plan or by a mortgage company. Visit www.epost.ca for more information and to sign up.

By Internet/Telephone Banking

Pay your taxes from your bank account using the internet or your touchtone telephone. Contact your Financial Institution or the Revenue Division for more information.

(807) 625-2255 for information.

At the Bank

Payment can be made at most Canadian Financial Institutions.

Mail Your Cheque*

Mail your cheque to: City of Thunder Bay, Box 800, Thunder Bay, ON P7C 5K4

* Cheque must be received by due date to avoid penalty.

In Person

Pay in person, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Monday to Friday at: Victoriaville Civic Centre, 1st Floor in Victoriaville Mall

Online by Credit Card

Plastiq, an online third party payment service provider, allows you to use your credit card to make payments more conveniently through their secure online system. Plastiq will be charging you a convenience fee. Making payments with the Plastiq system is similar to making any other online credit card payment.

We do not accept credit card payments made in person. Credit Card payments must be made online. For additional information about Plastiq and convenience fees charged, please visit www.thunderbay.ca, select Living, and then select Online Services.