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For Immediate Release

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To: Representatives of the Media

From: Trena DeBruijn, Director of Finance/Treasurer

Subject: Amended News Release (amendments highlighted)
2022, 2023 or 2024 Property Tax Relief for Low Income Seniors and
Low-Income Persons with Disabilities within the County of
Peterborough

County Council passed By-law No. 2022-24, being a by-law to allow for relief of a residential tax increase in 2022, 2023 or 2024 for Low Income Seniors and Low-Income Persons with Disabilities.

A low-income person with disabilities who is/was in receipt of assistance paid under the Ontario Disability Support Program Act, 1997 during the Base Year or the Subject Year.

A low-income senior who is at least 65 years of age and who is in receipt of payments under the Guaranteed Income Supplement (GIS), as established under Part II of the Old Age Security Act (Canada); or who is in receipt of financial assistance under the Ontario Works Act, 1997 during the Base Year or the Subject Year.

Applications shall be made to the Treasurer of the local municipality for the purpose of receiving relief of a tax increase in 2022, 2023, and 2024. 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 prior to November 15, 2022 for tax relief in 2022; by November 15, 2023 for tax relief in 2023; and by November 15, 2024 for tax relief in 2024. The amount of relief granted to an eligible person in respect of an eligible property for any taxation year shall be the lessor of:

- i) Subject Year Taxes – Base Year Taxes; and
- ii) Two-hundred dollars (\$200.00).

which the Municipal Treasurer may approve or deny.

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Below is an excerpt from Tax Relief By-law No. 2022-24:

3. All applications made under the by-law shall be made to the treasurer of the local municipality in accordance with the following:
 - i) An eligible person may make application to the local treasurer during a taxation year, prior to **November 15th**, for the relief of a property tax increase over the prior taxation year on eligible property;
 - ii) The eligible person must occupy the property as their principal residence for which the applications for tax relief is made. Principle residence means a residence that is occupied by an eligible person for a minimum of eight (8) months per year.)
 - iii) Tax relief shall be granted, pursuant to this by-law, to only one eligible person per household, and to no more than one (1) residential property per year;
 - iv) All applications shall be made in a form as set out and provided by the local municipality;
 - v) Applications shall include supporting documentation to establish the eligibility of the person seeking the relief;
 - vi) Applications shall include an authorization directing third parties to release to the local treasurer all information the treasurer may require to verify the accuracy of the information submitted by the applicant.
4. The local treasurer, may at any time, request that the applicant provide such additional information and documentation as the local treasurer may require in order to evaluate the application.
5. An application shall be deemed abandoned and no relief will be provided in respect of the subject year if a request to provide any of the following is not satisfied within 60 days;
 - i) Information, authorizations or documents required to fulfil the minimum application requirements set out under section 4 of this by-law; and/or

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- ii) Any additional information or documentation requested by the local treasurer under section 4 of this by-law.

- 6. Any request made under section 5 of this by-law shall be made in writing and shall specify the deadline for satisfying the request and the date on which the application will be deemed abandoned in accordance with section 5.

[Application forms](#) are available on the County website at www.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