

TOWN OF MUNDARE

BYLAW NO 771/06

The council of the Town of Mundare, duly assembled, hereby enacts

1. This bylaw can be called “Tax Penalty, Discount & Installment Payment Bylaw”.

Definitions

2. In this by-law
 - a. “Tax Payer” means the owner of the property or the business being taxed, or the person who actually pays the taxes.

Pre Payment and Discount of Taxes

3. Pre Payments of taxes may be made for tax accounts under the following conditions:
 - a. The tax account is paid in full at the time of application.
 - b. Application by the Taxpayer must be made prior to January 31 in each year.
 - c. The Taxpayer may prepay any amount they wish
4. Discounts on prepaid taxes shall be applied as follows:
 - a. A discount at the rate of Five (5) Percent shall be calculated on the lesser of:
 - i. the amount paid by the taxpayer ,
 - ii. the Municipal Portion of the previous years property taxes.
 - b. Discounts shall not be applied to any local improvements, special levies or requisitions being collected as taxes.

Penalties on Unpaid Current Taxes

5. Where any taxes levied for the current year remain unpaid upon August 1 of each year, the current taxes are subject to a penalty of ten (10) percent.

Penalties on Unpaid Tax Arrears

6. Where any tax arrears are unpaid on 1st day of January of each year, the arrears balance shall be subject to a penalty of ten (10) percent.
7. Where any tax arrears are unpaid on 1st day of August of each year, the arrears balance shall be subject to a penalty of ten (10) percent.

Tax Installment Payments

8. A Taxpayer may enter into a tax installment payment plan to provide for the payment of taxes in equal monthly installments from January to December of each year.
9. All previous year's taxes must be paid in order to enter a tax installment payment plan.
10. The tax installment payment date is to be either the 15th or 30th day of each month, except for February which will be the 28th.
11. The amount of the installment payment shall be calculated based on the previous years taxes unless the tax payer wishes to pay a higher amount.
12. If the current year's taxes are more than the previous year's taxes, the Taxpayer will have to pay the difference by December 31 of that year. Any amount not received by December 31, will be subject to penalties for tax arrears.
13. No interest or discount will be applied against any tax installment payment.
14. No penalties will be applied on any outstanding balance for those properties subject to a tax installment payment plan except for those taxes as stated in section 12.
15. The CAO may cancel any tax installment payment plan if two installments fail to be honoured.
16. If a tax installment payment fails to be honoured, the amount of the payment must be paid by the taxpayer within thirty days. If the payment is not made within thirty days, the CAO may cancel the tax installment payment plan.
17. If a tax installment payment plan is cancelled prior to the tax due date, any outstanding tax amounts are subject to the regular penalties.

- 18. If a tax installment payment plan is cancelled after the tax due date, any outstanding taxes shall be payable within 30 days and if payment is not received within the thirty day period, the outstanding amounts will be subject to the same penalty as applied to any outstanding current taxes on the first business day after the 30 day period.
- 19. Applications for the tax installment payment plan must be made prior to January 15 of each year.

Repeal preceding by-laws

- 20. Bylaws 734 and 675/94 as amended are hereby repealed.

Read a first time this 6 day of June, 2006.

Read a Second time this 6 day of June, 2006.

Read a Third and final time with the unanimous consent of council present this 6 day of June, 2006.

Date

Mayor

Date

Chief Administrative Officer