

# Council Corner

## Town of Tofield to work with citizens and businesses for utilities & taxes



Friends, a far more sullen tone to this message than has been in previous weeks. We, as Tofield, Alberta and Canada are still experiencing the effects of COVID 19.

This has provided untold stresses and detriment to individuals, families and our economy. Now, this week we have seen the most horrendous of acts within our Country. The Province of Nova Scotia has been faced with a reality that none of us could ever prepare ourselves for and should never have to. On behalf of Council, I want to extend our thoughts, prayers and support to the Province of Nova Scotia and all of those impacted by these truly terrible acts.

As COVID 19 continues globally, we continue to see impacts that are further reaching than the

health implications of the virus itself. Mayor, Council and Administration have been asked by business owners and residents what plans or contingencies are being made in consideration of utilities and taxes. These are both very valid questions and are of grave concern to many in our community.

Unofficially, I can state that both of these pieces are currently in the works to find resolve for all, and a variety of scenarios are being presented for review.

The piece that may be unknown, is that a formal Bylaw amendment must be put forward in order to reduce penalties or to

defer payment. However, with this being said, once again unofficially, I can say that penalties are unlikely to be applied to utility accounts for a period of time.

Once again, this piece is currently in the works to come forward to Council for official review and motion. Please know, the Administration Office is more than happy to make payment arrangements and is very willing to work with our residents and business owners to find resolve. I would encourage anyone with concerns to reach out to the Administration Office to discuss this (780-662-3269).

During these unprecedented

times it is the goal of Mayor, Council and Administration to serve the community we represent to the highest standard. In this breath, I should also like to state we must stand together and work as one, not against one another. Show each other respect and dignity. Treat all of our essential workers in the community with these graces, these people have incredibly difficult roles and each brings a benefit to Tofield.

Tofield, Beaver County,  
Alberta strong

*Sincerely,  
Mayor and Council*

*Honour the past...*

*Build the Future*

The Town of  
**Tofield**