

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HORTON

BY-LAW NO. 2020-21

A BY-LAW TO PROVIDE RELIEF FROM INTEREST AND PENALTY ON BILLINGS DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

WHEREAS on January 7, 2020 Council passed by-law 2020-02 to provide for an Interim Tax Levy as well as penalty to all taxes of the interim levy, which are in default on the first day after the due date, a 1.25 per cent penalty to be added and thereafter a penalty of 1.25 per cent per month will be added on the 1st day of each and every month the default continues, until December 31st, 2020.

AND WHEREAS Section 11(1) of the *Municipal Act*, 2001, S.O. c. 25, as amended allows the Township to pass by-laws regarding the financial management of the municipality and its local boards;

AND WHEREAS on March 17, 2020 a Declaration of Emergency was made by the Province under s 7.0.1 (1) the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act*,

AND WHEREAS on March 30, 2020 the County of Renfrew declared a state of emergency due to the global COVID-19 pandemic across the entirety of the County of Renfrew under the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act*, and

AND WHEREAS on April 1, 2020 a Special Council Meeting was held to discuss providing some financial relief do to the COVID-19 Pandemic;

THEREFORE the Council of the Township of Horton enacts as follows:

1. That the penalty and interest from unpaid property taxes for the end of March, April and May 2020 be waived.
2. That the situation be monitored, and further measures be considered by Council depending on the progression of the COVID-19 Pandemic.

READ a first and second time this 22nd day of April, 2020.

READ a third time and passed this 22nd day of April, 2020.

MAYOR David M. Bennett

CAO/CLERK Hope Dillabough