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Deadline approaching to pay 2021 City of Vernon property taxes without penalty

The City of Vernon would like to remind property owners that 2021 property taxes are due by **4:30 p.m. on July 2, 2021**. A 10% penalty will be applied to unpaid balances and unclaimed Home Owner Grants on July 3, 2021.

“In addition to payment, homeowners are reminded that they need to submit a properly completed Home Owner Grant by July 2, if it’s applicable,” said Terry Martens, Manager, Financial Operations. “The Provincial Home Owner Grant program has changed this year, and all applications must be submitted online or by phone through the Province of British Columbia.”

The B.C. Home Owner Grant reduces the amount of property tax you pay for your principal residence. As of May 2021, homeowners must now apply directly to the Province instead of through their municipal office.

Although the Home Owner Grant application process has changed, the program details and eligibility requirements have not changed. Home Owner Grants must be applied for each year, even if your mortgage company or bank pays your taxes. It is not necessary to make a tax payment in order for eligible owners to claim the Home Owner Grant.

For more information on the Provincial Home Owner Grant application process, visit gov.bc.ca/homeownergrant or call **1-888-355-2700** to speak with a live agent.

To help property owners continue practicing physical distancing and avoid waiting in a lineup to pay their taxes, there are several ways you can make a payment without having to stop by the City Hall cashier station:

- Online through your financial institution;
- By cheque through the mail; or
- By using the 24-hour drop box at the front entrance to City Hall.

Please note that postmarks on mailed remittances will not be considered as date of payment.

If you have not received your Property Tax Notice yet, please check your [MyCity](#) account or contact the Tax Department at 250-550-3636. For more information on City of Vernon property taxes, please visit: vernon.ca/propertytaxes.