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THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PRINCE

BY-LAW 2024-41

BEING A BY-LAW TO PROVIDE TAX ASSISTANCE TO CERTAIN ELDERLY AND DISABLED RESIDENTS WHO ARE OWNERS OF REAL PROPERTY

WHEREAS Section 319(1) (2) of the *Municipal Act, S.O. 2001*, Chapter 25, as amended to October 12, 2002, provides that the Council of a municipality shall, for the purpose of relieving financial hardship, pass a bylaw providing for cancellation of, or other relief in respect of, tax increases on property in the residential property class for owners who are, or whose spouses or same-sex partners, are low-income seniors or low-income persons with disabilities as are both defined in said by-law;

AND WHEREAS the Council of The Corporation Of The Township Of Prince deems it expedient to provide for tax relief in the manner herein described;

NOW THEREFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PRINCE HEREBY ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. DEFINITIONS

1.1 **"Corporation"** shall mean the Corporation of The Township of Prince.

1.2 **"Eligible Person"** shall mean a low-income person with disabilities or a low-income senior or the spouse or same-sex partner of such eligible person.

1.3 **"Low-Income Person with Disabilities"** shall mean a person who is in receipt of an increment paid under the Ontario Disability Support Program, 1997.

1.4 **"Low-Income Senior"** shall mean a person who is 65 years of age or older and in receipt of an increment paid under the Guaranteed Income Supplement (GIS), as established under Part II of the Old Age Security Act (Canada).

1.5 **"Owner"** shall mean a person assessed as the owner of residential real property and includes an owner within the meaning of the Condominium Act.

1.6 **"Treasurer"** shall mean the Treasurer of the Corporation of the Township of Prince.

2. TAX RELIEF GRANTED

2.1 Tax relief granted pursuant to this by-law shall be in the form of a cancellation of the eligible amount, provided that:

2.1.1 such owner or the spouse of such owner occupies or occupy on a permanent basis, the property in respect of which the application for tax relief is made;

2.1.2 such owner or the spouse of such owner or both has or have been assessed as the owner of the residential real property in the municipality for a period of not less than one year immediately preceding the date of the application for relief; and

2.1.3 the balance of the property tax (including any arrears of taxes) is paid in full.

2.2 Where a property is owned jointly or co-owned with persons other than the owner's spouse, both or all co-owners must qualify under the eligibility criteria of Section 2.1 of this by-law.

2.3 No tax relief granted pursuant to this by-law shall be allowed to an owner in respect of more than one (1) single residential family dwelling unit in any year.

2.4 The amount of the tax cancellation shall be determined as follows:

2.4.1 If the total taxes for municipal and school purposes for a qualifying property of an eligible person exceeds its total for the preceding year, the amount of the tax cancellation is the amount of the difference, provided that said difference exceeds $30.00. Increases above $30.00 will be cancelled to a maximum of $100.00.

2.5 The necessary adjustments in accordance with this by-law shall only be applied to an eligible person's tax account after the 1st installment of the final tax bill is issued, which shall reduce the amount owing for the 2nd installment billed.

3. APPLICATIONS

3.1 All applications for tax relief must be in writing on a form prescribed by the corporation of this purpose and must be submitted to the Treasurer on or before the last day of August, in the year for which the application applies.

3.2 All applications must include:

3.2.1 evidence of ownership; and

3.2.2 evidence of benefits received by the applicant under the Ontario Disability Support Program Act and/or the Old Age Security Act (Canada).

3.3 Applications must be submitted annually to the Treasurer to establish continued eligibility.

3.4 All applications must be submitted to the Treasurer of the Corporation of Prince Township, 3042 Second Line W. Prince Township, ON P6A 6K4

4. REPEALS

4.1 Any and all other by-laws or resolutions inconsistent with this by-law are hereby repealed.

5. ENACTMENT

5.1 This by-law shall come into force and take effect immediately upon the final passing thereof.

ENACTED AND PASSED THIS 17th DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2025 AS WITNESSED BY THE SEAL OF THE CORPORATION AND THE HANDS OF ITS PROPER OFFICERS.

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Mayor, Melanie Mageran

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Clerk, Sam Carolei

(See attachments)

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PRINCE

SCHEDULE "A" TO BY-LAW 2024-41

APPLICATION FOR TAX RELIEF FOR LOW-INCOME SENIORS/DISABLED

NAME:	**DATE OF BIRTH:**
Roll Number #:	**PHONE #:**
ADDRESS:	
DATE OWNER PURCHASED PROPERTY:	

List the Names and Addresses of all owners of property:

OWNER	ADDRESS

DECLARATION:

1. I/We receive benefits under (check one)

   ☐ Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP)

   ☐ Guaranteed Income Supplement (GIS) under Part II of the Old Age Security Act

2. I/We have read the attached municipal by-law and confirm that I (we) satisfy all criteria for qualifications.

3. I/We do hereby submit proof of our receipt of benefits stated in Clause #1 of this declaration.

____________________ ____________________
Signature Date

____________________ ____________________
Signature Date

FOR MUNICIPAL OFFICE USE ONLY :

CALCULATION:

Current year taxes: (a) __________ - Preceding year taxes: (b) __________ = (c) ______________

Amount of Cancellation (maximum $100)

☐ Entered in Roll Date: ______________ Treasurer: __________________

The information collected in this application will be used to determine the applicant's eligibility under the Senior and Disabled Tax Relief Program in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Persons Privacy Act. All information collected shall remain confidential.