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Dear Local Board Representative,

As a result of the COVID-19 outbreak, the Province recognizes that many residents and businesses are facing challenges in making their scheduled property tax payments.

To support unincorporated area residents and businesses, the government is extending the amount of time that taxpayers have to pay their property taxes without interest or penalties. Each of the four property tax installments due in 2020 will be deferred 90 days for those taxpayers that need more time. For example, taxpayers who would be required to pay the April 7 property tax installment will have until July 6 to pay this installment without interest or penalties.

This deferral of unincorporated area property tax payments applies to all of the levies that are collected through the consolidated Provincial Land Tax (PLT) bill. This includes PLT, education property tax, and any Local Road Board and Local Service Board levies that are paid through the PLT bill.

In order to support the work of Local Roads and Services Boards, and to ensure this deferral does not have a financial impact on these boards, the Province will continue to make payments to local boards for levies that have been billed as previously scheduled. In addition, to ensure this does not have a financial impact on school boards, the Province will adjust payments to school boards to offset the deferral.

If you have any questions about PLT payments or billing, please contact the PLT administration office in Thunder Bay at plt@thunderbay.ca. For additional questions about PLT, please contact the Provincial Land Tax Policy Unit of the Ministry of Finance at info.propertytax@ontario.ca.

Sincerely,

Allan Doheny Assistant Deputy Minister