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**The Corporation of the Town of Marathon Pandemic Planning
COVID-19 Situation Update- Utility and Taxation Payments**

MARATHON, ON; March 19, 2020 – The Town of Marathon remains diligent in monitoring the situation as it pertains to COVID-19. We continue to evaluate all Public Health Agency communications as well as communications from other Federal and Provincial Government Health Authorities. The health and well-being of our residents and community is of great importance.

The Municipality wishes to advise the public, with respect to utilities, taxes, and other payments, that **all amounts owing the Municipality are still due**. Members of the public can remit their payments using the following methods:

- Online banking
- Dropping off payments in the drop-box at the Municipal office
- Mailing payments via regular post
- Calling the Finance Department between the hours of 10:00am – 2:00pm with a valid credit card number.

Despite these alternative payment methods, the Municipality recognizes that there still may be challenges in paying bills on time under the current situation, therefore, there will be no penalties or finance charges on any amounts owing between March 17th and the date that the Municipal office reopens (which has yet to be determined).

Additionally, if people have pre-authorized payments (PAPS) set-up to pay municipal bills, and they wish to suspend these payments due to lack of employment, please contact the Finance Department to make specific arrangements in this regard. Suspending PAP's without first contacting the Finance Department may result in penalties.

The Finance Department can be contacted Monday thru Friday, between the hours of 10:00am – 2:00pm by calling (807) 229-1340 X2233.

For more information, please contact the Municipal office during regular business hours between 10:00am – 2:00pm at 229-1340; after hours at 229-6125. We encourage our residents to visit our Municipal website (www.marathon.ca) and Municipal Facebook page for updated information.

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