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City of Cambridge Extends Property Tax Due Date Citizens Receive an Extension Due to Mail Strike

Cambridge, Ontario. June 23, 2011... Recognizing that many residents currently receive their property tax notices by mail, the City of Cambridge is extending the installment due date to Monday July 11th.

"Normally, taxes for residential, farmland and managed forest properties are due on July 4th and we're extending this deadline to take into consideration the unusual circumstances of the postal delivery disruption," says Steven Fairweather, Commissioner of Corporate Services. A large number of tax bills were mailed out last week and therefore, will be held up during the postal contract negotiations.

It is important to note that those citizens with pre-authorized payment plans will also get the extension and funds will not be deducted from their accounts until July 11th.

"The City's contingency plan also includes ramped up customer service with a telephone hotline, online tax information look-up and, of course, a special email to support questions. As there are larger than normal volumes of inquiries by phone, we appreciate your patience and willingness to try our alternative options for service," says Jonathan Lautenbach, Director of Financial Services. The online look up is expected to be available on the corporate website this Monday June 27- an accelerated date to enhance options for Cambridge citizens.

Companies that do business with the City may send invoices by fax transmission directed to (519) 623-6364. As a way to minimize impact on business, particularly on small businesses, when the cheque is ready, the recipient may also connect with City staff to arrange to pick it up.

Property Tax Contact Info:

Email: proptaxes@cambridge.ca

Look Up - www.cambridge.ca (June 27, 2011)

Telephone: (519) 740-4524

2010, the population reached over 130,000 people. With a multicultural mix and a strong foundation of support services, Cambridge has a diverse economic base with leading industries in advanced manufacturing, automotive, high technology, pharmaceutical, business and financial services and hospitality/retail. The Corporation of the City of Cambridge is an employer with a progressive work environment that offers the opportunity to provide service to the community through creativity and innovation, and with opportunities for career growth and advancement.

You meet the nicest people in Cambridge. It's a place that understands all about coming together. There is so much more to Cambridge than the beautiful lands created at the convergence of two rivers or its logistically perfect location in the heart of Ontario's economic corridor. Cambridge is the coming together of people from diverse, close-knit and proud communities. The people of Cambridge 'do the right thing' by respecting history, family values, a sound work ethic, the arts, environment and advancement. A young city, Cambridge is a master of balancing the excitement and promise of the new with the historical significance and stability of the old. A place where coming together is just the start. Uniting together is what sets Cambridge apart. Undiscovered-Cambridge families and entrepreneurs get more for less, and sacrifice nothing.

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