

**Fiscal Relief: The Town of Brome Lake is Still Studying its Options**

**Brome Lake, April 7, 2020** - Elected officials of the Town of Brome Lake remain very concerned about the impact of the pandemic on the financial situation of residents, businesses and industries.

While in other cities some of the tax installments are scheduled for April and May, that of the Town of Brome Lake is only scheduled for June 17. Therefore, there is no urgency to make a quick decision to offer financial respite to taxpayers.

In doing so, elected officials will make an informed decision at the May Council meeting, taking into account the latest information available on the pandemic.

"We have had several discussions to date on the types of tax relief we want to offer. The problem is not to generate ideas, but to make decisions within the legal framework allowed by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Land Occupancy," said Brome Lake Mayor Richard Burcombe. "The postponement of deadlines for the payment of taxes is certainly one of the measures that will be studied."

The first measure being announced today is to support businesses and industries. The Town will not read water meters until the end of the year, cancelling the reading of the one normally done in June. This means that the bill resulting from the latter will not have to be paid until we do the final reading in December.

Finally, the Town recalls the existence of programs put in place by the two levels of government, [federal](#) and [provincial](#).

Also note that additional measures will be announced by the CLD Brome-Missisquoi during the week.

The Town of Brome Lake