

## **PROPERTY TAX REBATE FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ'S)**

**Q. WHO CAN QUALIFY FOR THE PROPERTY TAX REBATE?**

Property owner(s) who reside on the property and have an income for the previous year less than \$38,000.

**Q. WHO'S INCOME MUST BE CLAIMED?**

1. Income of every person assessed for property who resides on the property.
2. Income of spouse (including common law spouse) who resides on the property.
3. Any person having the care or control of the property through adverse possession, who resides on the property.
4. Any person with a life interest in the property, who resides on the property.

**Q. MY SON/DAUGHTER/OTHER LIVE WITH ME, DO I HAVE TO CLAIM THEIR INCOME?**

Only if they are an owner of the property and reside on the property.

**Q. DO I HAVE TO CLAIM ALL INCOME?**

Claim all income **except:**

- 1) War Veterans Allowance
- 2) Pension for members of the Armed Forces who have been disabled or their dependents.

**Q. CAN I CLAIM REBATE ON ALL MY PROPERTIES?**

Unfortunately, you can only claim rebate on your principle residence.

**Q. IF I OWN THE PROPERTY BUT I DON'T LIVE THERE, I RENT IT OUT, CAN I QUALIFY?**

Unfortunately, you must live there.

**Q. I OWN MY PROPERTY BUT I RESIDE IN A HOSPITAL/NURSING HOME/OTHER, CAN I QUALIFY?**

If you have not slept at the property for a period of two (2) years or more you do not qualify.

**Q. DO I HAVE TO APPLY FOR THIS REBATE EVERY YEAR?**

Yes. If you qualified for this rebate, you will be mailed an application in April the following year.

**Q. WHAT IS THE DEADLINE TO PASS IN THIS APPLICATION**

The deadline each year is August 1.

**Q. IF I DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT THIS REBATE OR IF I FORGOT TO PASS IN MY APPLICATION BEFORE AUGUST 1, CAN I STILL APPLY?**

Late applicants will be considered only after the regular review of those applicants that gave an application on time. Late applications will be subject to annual budget constraints as decided by Municipal Council.

**Q. WILL I GET A REFUND IN THE MAIL?**

You will see the rebate on your final tax bill of the year that is due the end of October. It is a reduction on your tax bill, it is not a refund.

**Q. HOW MUCH WILL MY REBATE BE?**

The Municipality must first determine how many people applied and how many qualify. There is an annual amount budgeted for this rebate. If the rebates for all applicants combined do not go over the amount we have budgeted, the amount you get will be based on your income as follows:

- If your income was under \$23,999 and your taxes are higher than \$530, you will get a \$530 reduction on your final tax bill.
- If your income was between \$24,000 and \$29,999 and your taxes are higher than \$265, you will get a \$265 reduction on your final tax bill.
- If your income was between \$30,000 and \$38,000 and your taxes are higher than \$106, you will get a \$106 reduction on your final tax bill.

Please note: In order for a full rebate to be issued, all assessed owners must live at the property. Otherwise, the rebate amount will be pro-rated.

**Q. IF I HAVE ANY OTHER QUESTIONS, WHO DO I CONTACT?**

You can call Annette Nowe, Property Tax and Customer Services Assistant for the Municipality at 902-541-1348.