**FARMLAND ASSESSMENT:**
It is the responsibility of any ratepayer who owns farmland to ensure that such lands are coded in order that they are taxed at the reduced farmland tax rate. FT is the Farmland 25% Code. Check your coding on your property tax bill and assessment notice. For further information, call the Municipal office at 519-887-6137 or O.M.A.F. at 1-800-469-2285

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**2017 Property Tax Installment Dates:**

Interim Payments (45% of your 2016 billing)
1st Payment due: THURSDAY April 27, 2017
2nd Payment due: THURSDAY June 29, 2017

Final Payments (based on 2017 budget)
1st Payment due: THURSDAY September 28, 2017
2nd Payment due: THURSDAY November 30, 2017

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**2017 Tax Notice**
The Final Tax notices are based on annualized 2017 Assessment and the 2017 Tax Rate. In 2016, every property should have received an assessment notice from MPAC due to the provincial reassessment. If you feel your assessment is not actual value, you have the option to make an official appeal for the 2018 tax year to the Assessment Review Board by the March 31, 2018 deadline. Alternatively you can submit a Request for Reconsideration of your Assessment to the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (mpac) at no charge. This deadline is also March 31, 2018. The forms are available at the Municipal office or contact mpac at Tel: 1-866-296-6722 or Fax: 1-866-297-6703

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**WHO ATE THE PIE??**

Share of Tax Dollars for the Farm & Residential Municipal – 56% County – 32% Education – 12%

Share of the Tax Dollars for the Commercial Class Municipal – 37% County – 21% Education – 42%

Share of the Tax Dollars of Industrial Class Municipal – 36% County – 21% Education – 43%

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**2017 Tax Rates**

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THE FOLLOWING METHODS OF TAX PAYMENTS ARE ACCEPTED:

*We now have INTERAC; which includes Debit, Visa, MasterCard and AMEX*

- In person at the Municipal office – Cheque, Cash and/or INTERAC
- In the Mail
- By Post-Dated Cheque
- Preauthorized installment or monthly payments can be setup by contacting the Municipal office.
- By payment at the following institutions:
  - CIBC – Wingham, Brussels and Blyth
  - T-D Canada Trust – Wingham
  - Bank of Montreal – Wingham
  - Libro Financial Group – Wingham
- Telephone Banking service is available through one of the Chartered Banks listed below:
  - CIBC: 1-800-465-2422
  - Bank of Montreal: 1-800-363-9992
  - T-D Canada Trust: 1-800-983-2265
  - RBC Financial Group (Royal Bank): 1-800-769-2511
  - Credit Union Central of Ontario: “see individual branch”
- Internet banking services are available through one of the Chartered Banks listed below:
  - (listed under *morris-turnberry tax*)
  - CIBC: [www.cibc.com](http://www.cibc.com)
  - Bank of Montreal: [www.bmo.com](http://www.bmo.com)
  - T-D Canada Trust: [www.tdcanadatrust.com](http://www.tdcanadatrust.com)
  - RBC Financial Group (Royal Bank): [www.rbc.com](http://www.rbc.com)
  - Credit Union Central of Ontario: “see individual branch”
  - Scotia bank: [www.scotiabank.com](http://www.scotiabank.com)

**Tax Relief Program**

A tax relief program is available to certain elderly and disabled persons, to relieve financial hardship in respect of property that is in the residential and farm property class. Also, eligible charities occupying property in the County may be eligible for a tax rebate.

For more information or an application, please contact the Municipal Office.

**PENALTY & INTEREST CHARGES ON TAXES**

Any payment received in the Municipal Office after the due date WILL BE CONSIDERED LATE and as such the outstanding taxes will be subject to the penalty and interest charges as per the Municipal Act. In accordance with section 347 of the new Municipal Act, all payments received for arrears will be paid according to the length of time the taxes have been owing. The penalty and then arrears will be paid before the most recent taxes.

**IF ANY INFORMATION ON YOUR TAX BILL IS INCORRECT OR REQUIRES CHANGES (SUCH AS BOX NUMBERS, etc)**

PLEASE CONTACT THE MUNICIPAL OFFICE AT 519-887-6137 Ext. 23.