

Property Tax Increase Relief for

Low Income Seniors and Persons with Disabilities

Low-income seniors and persons with disabilities that own their home in the County of Simcoe who meet certain criteria, and whose property taxes have increased over the previous year, may apply for a tax reduction of up to \$250 against an eligible increase.

Eligibility:

- 65 years of age or older and eligible for support under the Federal Guaranteed Income Supplement (GIS) program or Ontario Works; or
- A person with disabilities of any age, who is eligible for benefits under the Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP).
- The subject property must be the primary residence of the applicant. No relief can be granted for properties used on a seasonal or occasional basis that are tenanted or are otherwise used for a purpose other than the owner's primary residence.

Eligible Relief:

Relief under this program can only be granted against a year-over-year increase in calculated property taxes. If the total property taxes as shown on your final property tax bill are greater than the final taxes for the previous year, you may be eligible to have the increase amount cancelled up to a maximum of **\$250**. If the total property taxes are less than or equal to the prior year's taxes, no relief can be granted.

Example Circumstances	Increase Under \$250	Increase Over \$250	Decrease
Application Year Taxes	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500
Prior Year Taxes	\$2,300	\$1,900	\$2,700
Difference	\$200	\$600	-\$200
Eligible Amount	\$200	\$250	\$0

Applications For Relief

Applications are available in person at the Town of Wasaga Beach Municipal Office or can be downloaded from our website.

Please do not submit supporting documentation with your application. Staff will review your application and provide you with a preliminary response at which time, specific documentation or confirmation of information may be requested before relief can be granted.

If you require assistance completing your application, please contact the tax office at 705-429-3844 ext. 2234 and staff will be happy help you through the application process.

Application Deadline

Applications may be made once final tax bills have been issued and **must be received by December 15th** of the year for which relief is being requested.