



March 19, 2020

On March 18, 2020 the federal government announced a number of measures to support the Canadian economy and both business and individuals. The section dealing with individuals, that is likely to have the widest application to our clients, is Temporary Income Support for Workers and Parents. This section allows for Canadians to stay home with sick, quarantined family or are forced to stay home because of child care. The government is providing up to \$900 biweekly for 15 weeks.

If you are a business owner, the government has proposed a wage subsidy of 10% of an employee's wages to a maximum of \$1,375 per employee and \$25,000 per employer for a three-month period. Businesses will have access to this subsidy quickly since they will be able to deduct this amount from their source deduction remittances.

The CRA has deferred filing your personal income tax until June 1, 2020 and will allow individuals to defer the payment of any income tax amounts that become owing on or after March 18, 2020 to August 31, 2020. This amount is a **DEFERRAL** not a reduction. No interest or penalties will be incurred on these amounts until after September 2020. This deferral covers any payments of income tax amounts due, including instalments or balances due on personal income tax payable. With that in mind we recommend that you still get your taxes to us early so we may complete them for you before April 30, 2020.

We have attached a copy of the Department of Finance Release which discusses other matters to support Canadians during this Covid-19 outbreak. It is important to note that a number of these proposals will require the approval of Parliament but I believe you should proceed to utilize these benefits immediately.

Our office is open. However, we are not having any in-person appointments. You can reach us by phone or email. We have also set up a drop box system where you can drop off your information for either corporate or personal income tax matters. We are here to help in any way we can. Please follow the government guidelines for dealing with the virus and stay healthy.

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