



SEPTEMBER 2023 Newsletter

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My favourite season...

Here comes fall! Time for soup, sweaters and thinking ahead for year end tax planning.

This issue is packed full of important upcoming due dates, and lots of tips for both businesses and individuals.

Of course, as always, please call or email me with any questions at all - my phone number is 613-271-0683 or email me at lynne@forgette.ca.

Settle in with a nice warm cup of tea or coffee and please do feel free to send any comments about the newsletter. I love to get your feedback!

A Note from Lynne



CPP Increases

Starting 2019, CPP is gradually being enhanced, and the "second additional component" is being phased in 2024/2025. From 2019 to 2023, CPP was gradually raised from 4.95% to 5.95%, but starting in 2024, a second, higher earnings limit is being introduced. Both employers and employees should be aware. For info, visit:



<https://www.canada.ca/en/services/benefits/publicpensions/cpp/cpp-enhancement.html>

THINKING OF BUYING ASSETS?

Business owners looking to buy certain assets (computers, furniture, equipment, etc) should consider doing so **before the end of the 2023 calendar year** to potentially take advantage of the immediate expensing rules.

<https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/news/2022/02/expansion-of-the-eligibility-for-tax-support-for-business-investments.html>

CEBA Loan Repayments

Although CFIB has been petitioning to extend the CEBA loan repayment date further, as of September 8, 2023 the due date remains December 31, 2023. If you have not yet made arrangements for repayment, you can contact me to discuss further, or visit CFIB resources here:

<https://www.cfib-fcei.ca/ceba-debt-relief>

CRA My Business Account Receipt Requests

Some colleagues are noticing an uptick in CRA requests for supporting documentation for business receipts as well as increased audit questions. Failure to provide proper documentation to CRA when requested can result in costly denied expenses. Some of the most common areas scrutinized are meals and entertainment, travel costs and vehicle costs. If you're a client and not already using **Dext Prepare** to keep digital copies of your paperwork, and are interested in learning more, please contact me. Going digital is an effective choice to make it easier for your business to respond to CRA requests. Remember if you are a client, and receive any requests from CRA, contact me as soon as possible for further assistance.

IMPORTANT DUE DATES - INDIVIDUALS AND BUSINESSES

Lots of important due dates to be aware of! This list is not exhaustive but covers many of the more common deadlines:

- **September 15th / December 15th / March 15th / June 15th** - Personal Income Tax Instalments
- **October 31st** - Underused Housing Tax (UHT) - ALL AFFECTED OWNERS such as corporations, trustees or partners owning residential property have to file. This is NOT the same as the vacant tax filing you may have filed with your municipality (see <https://www.canada.ca/en/services/taxes/excise-taxes-and-levies/underused-housing-tax.html> for CRA's info, or more info from my friends at tax tips here <https://www.taxtips.ca/real-estate/canada-underused-housing-tax.htm> Note: This is an extended due date for the 2022 calendar year (regular due date April 30th each year)
- **December 31st** - CEBA Loan repayment due; Last date to make donations for 2023 personal income taxes
- **February 29th, 2024** - Deadline for individuals to contribute to RRSP for 2023 taxation year
- **February 29th, 2024** - Deadline for businesses to file T4s (wages) and T5s (dividends)
- **March 30th, 2024** - Deadline to file T3 Trust Return for 2023 - IF YOU HOLD PROPERTY IN TRUST FOR ANOTHER, THERE ARE NEW RULES YOU NEED TO BE AWARE OF - please see info below as you may have to file for the first time
- **April 30th, 2024** - Personal Income Tax Filing Deadline (but my clients will remember that I aim to file everything earlier!) Note that those who are self-employed can file up to **June 15th** without penalty, but the tax owing must be paid by April 30th to avoid interest charges.
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Corporate clients should also refer to their "Transmittal Letter" that I provide each year, as it will provide additional important due dates such as corporate tax and HST payments and instalments.

Know your Landlord!

Did you know that if you pay rent to a non-resident of Canada you are responsible to withhold 25% of the amount and send it to CRA? A recent Tax Court of Canada case shows a taxpayer was liable for not withholding tax properly from rent they paid to their landlord residing in Italy.

Do you hold property in trust for another?

In the past, a trust that did not have any tax to pay, such as a "bare trust" (holding property for the beneficial ownership of another) did not have to file a Trust Return. Commencing with the 2023 tax return, that is changing. If you're a personal client, info was provided in the "Tax Letter" that accompanied your tax return this year, or you can learn more at: <https://www.cpacanada.ca/en/business-and-accounting-resources/taxation/blog/2022/october/new-rules-for-trust-reporting-are-coming> If you are a client that thinks you might be affected, and have not already contacted me, please do so.

And now for a break from finances...

Cozy Soup Recipes

One of my favourite things about fall is soup! I love to make soup, and am always looking for new recipes to try, although to be honest, I never follow them exactly...I always do my own thing and then can never replicate the same soup again! But it's fun to take inspiration from the many recipes that are out there.



Try some of these quick options from Damn Delicious - personally I'll be pulling out the Crock Pot soon to try the potato and corn chowder. But I bet I use coconut milk instead of cream, and add some red peppers in!

<https://damndelicious.net/2015/02/11/15-best-quick-cozy-soup-recipes/>

Please remember that the information presented here is for educational purposes only, and it is not possible to include all situations, circumstances and exceptions – individual facts should always be discussed with a qualified professional.

Although I have made every effort to ensure the accuracy of the information in this newsletter, I accept no liability for any errors or omissions.

Please call or email if you would like any further information or have any questions!

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