

Assessment News

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New Board Member Welcomed



The Board of Directors of the Municipal Assessment Agency is pleased to announce the appointment of Mr. Wayne Rose to the board's NLAMA Director position. Mr. Rose has been Town Clerk for the Town of Brigus from 1985 to January 2005 when he was then appointed Town Clerk/Manager, his current title.

In 1996, Wayne was elected as Avalon Director of the Newfoundland and Labrador Association of Municipal Administrators (NLAMA) which he served for 5 years. In 2002, he was elected as Vice President of NLAMA which he served for 4 years and in 2006, was elected as President of NLAMA, a position which he holds today.

Wayne has worked with, and served on, a number of committees and organizations which include:

- Brigus Volunteer Fire Brigade;
- Brigus Sports & Recreation Commission;
- Brigus United Church - Treasurer, 1993 to Present;
- Department of Municipal Affairs - Y2K and Councillors Handbook;
- NLAMA Board of Directors - 1996 to Present serving on a number of sub-committees;
- Municipal Training and Development Corporation (MTDC) - 2005 to 2007;
- MTDC/CNA Partnership - Advisory Committee Member for the Local Government Management Certificate Program - 2005 to 2007; and
- Municipal Assessment Agency - 2007 to Present.

Wayne and his wife Kim have been married for 20 years and have a Son and Daughter, Curtis and Candace.

Happy 10th Anniversary

The Municipal Assessment Agency is delighted to announce that this year we celebrated our 10th Anniversary! It has been both a challenging and rewarding ten years. The Agency will continue to learn and build on the past to ensure the highest level of service is offered to the Municipalities of Newfoundland and Labrador. We look forward to working with all of you for many years to develop and maintain great relationships with all the Municipalities we serve.

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Message from the Executive Director

Following up on last year's reassessment, staff are already hard at work laying the groundwork for the next revaluation. We are working to complete the re-inspection of all property by the end of next year. The amendment to the legislation removed the requirement to reinspect property once every ten years, but we will be implementing a new re-visitation policy that will ensure the information used to complete the assessment process is as accurate and up to date as possible. The reinspections, on average, increase the assessed values and are an important tool to ensure that the property tax is applied fairly and equitably.

Our management group welcome your feedback and look for the opportunity to meet with our clients. If you have a regional meeting or local issue, one of our managers or myself would be pleased to come and listen to you or provide an update on assessment related issues. Drop us an email at info@maa.nf.ca or call my office at (709) 724-1540 to make the necessary arrangements.

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Professional Training & Development Report

The continuing professional development and education of our staff remains a priority for the Agency. Last year, the Agency actively supported staff development through sponsorship of training sessions and courses.

Staff have been availing of courses through several professional organizations, universities, and colleges including:

- International Association of Assessing Officers
- Appraisal Institute of Canada
- Memorial University of Newfoundland
- College of the North Atlantic
- New Brunswick Assessors Association
- University of British Columbia
- Western University

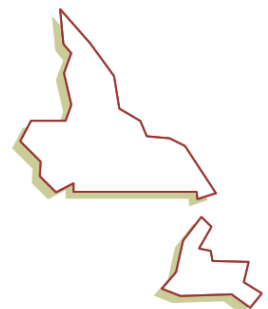
We will continue our ongoing support by offering the resources necessary to guarantee our staff have every opportunity to develop professionally. This investment will, in turn, ensure our staff provide the highest possible level of service to our clients.

IMPORTANT DATE...

Municipalities should note that the Agency will be mailing out the 2008 assessment notices on Friday, October 12th, 2007.

Appeal Deadline 30 Days

Municipalities and property owners should be aware that the date to appeal their assessment notice has been extended under the new legislation from 21 days to 30 days from the date on the notice. Taxpayer's first opportunity to appeal must be filed with the Municipal Assessment Agency. For additional information on the appeal process, please visit our website at www.maa.nf.ca, under the "Related Links" section and follow the link to the Provincial Assessment Act.



Say Hello to the Agency's Board of Directors.....

Here are the current members of the Board of Directors for the Municipal Assessment Agency:

AVALON REGION

Deputy Mayor Deborah Quilty, Paradise. Deputy Mayor Quilty has been on the Agency's Board since the fall of 2005.

EASTERN REGION

Mayor Fred Best, Clarenville. Mayor Best is also the Chair of the Board and is the senior representative on the Agency's Board having served continuously since 1998.

CENTRAL REGION

Councillor Barry Oake, Grand Falls-Windsor. Councillor Oake was elected to the Board in the fall of 2005.

WESTERN REGION

Mayor Darryl Kelly, Deer Lake. Mayor Kelly was first elected to the Agency's Board in a by-election in February 2006.

LABRADOR REGION

Deputy Mayor Terry Hancock, Forteau. Deputy Mayor Hancock has served as the Labrador representative of the Agency's Board since 1999.

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Councillor Sterling Willis, Paradise. Councillor Willis was elected to the Agency's Board in the fall of 2006.

NLFM DIRECTOR

Mayor Harry Hallett, Leading Tickles. Mayor Hallett was re-appointed by the NLFM for another one year term.

NLAMA DIRECTOR

Mr. Wayne Rose, President NLAMA, Town Clerk/Manager of Brigus. Mr. Rose is the newest member of the Agency's Board, having been appointed in April 2007.



Congratulations to MNL



The Agency would like to congratulate the Municipalities of Newfoundland and Labrador (MNL) on its new name and logo. The organization was formed in 1951, mandated to represent municipal government interests, and as a vehicle for municipal leaders to share information and resources. Municipalities Newfoundland and Labrador represents 282 cities and towns in Newfoundland and Labrador

NEW LEGISLATION!

There is a link to the new provincial assessment act that came into effect January, 2007 on our website, www.maa.nf.ca under the "Related Links" section, below the Legislation heading. This new legislation has many new changes that will be of important interest to Municipalities.



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Monthly Payment Option Available

The Municipal Assessment Agency's Corporate Services Division is pleased to offer municipalities the option of paying their fees for assessment services on a monthly basis. Currently, quarterly invoices are due by the 15th of the month following the date of the invoice. Municipalities have the option of paying their quarterly invoice in three equal monthly installments, interest free. For further information or to arrange payment on a monthly basis, please contact:

Ms. Rosemarie Evans
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Re-inspections Completed in 2008

Since 2000, the Municipal Assessment Agency has been working to complete a re-inspection of all properties in the province. Property in a municipality is inspected to ensure the property information on file is accurate and new information is properly recorded. This initiative is targeted to be completed by the end of 2008. The following regions have hired property data collectors for the summer to assist in the collection of this property information:

Western:

- Stephen Caines covering the Bonne Bay area, started late June.
- Dwayne Anstey covering the Deer Lake area, started late June.
- April Bellows covering towns in the Bay of Islands area, started early July.

Eastern:

- Aaron Walsh covering the towns in Conception Bay North, started the middle of June.
- Bobby Clarke & Stephen Power covering towns in the Conception Bay South area, started late June and early July respectively.

DID YOU KNOW....

By visiting our website at www.maa.nf.ca, under the "What's New" section, you will find the following brochures that provide useful information to assist in answering property owner questions:

- ❖ Assessment Review Commission
- ❖ Assessment Appeal Brochure
- ❖ Supplemental Assessment Brochure
- ❖ Property Under Construction



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