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NEW BOARD ELECTED

Municipalities have selected their representatives on the Agency's Board of Directors. Elected were:

Avalon	Stan Reid , Hearts Delight-Islington
Eastern	Fred Best , Clarenville
Central	Len Wellman , Springdale
Western	Aneitha Sheaves , Channel-Port aux Basques
Labrador	Wayne Earles , L'Anse au Loup
Urban	Randy Simms , Mount Pearl

Thank you to all candidates and municipalities who participated in the election process.

ASSOCIATIONS NAME NOMINEES

The Newfoundland and Labrador Federation of Municipalities (NLFM) and the Newfoundland and Labrador Association of Municipal Administrators (NLAMA) have named their nominee to the Agency's Board of Directors.

The Federations Board of Directors has named Mayor Walwin Blackmore of Grand Falls-Windsor as the NLFM's representative for the coming year. Mayor Blackmore is the Central Region Director on the NLFM Board and has served on the Agency's Board for the past two years. He has chaired the Agency's Policy and Public Relations Committee and served as Agency spokesperson.

NLAMA has named Mike Pinsent as its first representative

on the Agency's Board. Mr. Pinsent is the Town Manager for Grand Falls-Windsor and Past-president of the association. He has served on the Agency's Assessment Services Advisory Committee.

An announcement is expected soon on the two government and two taxpayer representatives to the Agency's Board

FEE UNCHANGED

The Agency's Board of Directors have approved the 2001-02 budget and fees for assessment services will remain unchanged from 2000-01. Fees will remain at \$22.50 per parcel for the third consecutive year.

The Agency's cost per parcel is the lowest of any fully funded provincial assessment service in Canada.

REASSESSMENT RESULTS

The 2001 reassessment is based on market value as of January 1999, the base date. For the reassessment, the Agency issued 177,576 assessment notices. Provincially, the total value of the property assessed is \$9,528,879,000, an increase of \$150,000,000 or **1.61%**. The change in assessed value was less than plus or minus five percent in 170 of 231 municipalities.

Values increased in 91 municipalities, with an average increase in those municipalities of 4.9%. In the remaining 140 municipalities values declined, with the average decrease of 2.5%.

PARTICIPATION RATE TOPS 80%

Municipal participation in the elections for representatives to the Agency's Board of Directors topped 80% with 201 ballots cast out of a possible 249. Here are the participation rates by groupings:

Avalon	87%	40 out of 46 ballots
Eastern	88%	29 out of 33 ballots
Central	82%	66 out of 80 ballots
Western	59%	35 out of 59 ballots
Labrador	100%	13 out of 13 ballots
Urban	100%	18 out of 18 ballots

APPEAL NUMBERS DECLINE

The appeals from the recent reassessment are in and the numbers of appeals have declined by 67% from the last reassessment. Municipalities have received approximately 3500 assessment appeals; This represents less than 2% of all assessments completed by the Agency. Here is the breakdown for the province:

Eastern Region	1100 appeals	1.8%
Central Region	1000 appeals	1.7%
Western Region	2400 appeals	2.4%
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>3500 appeals</u>	<u>1.9%</u>

For the last reassessment, there were approximately 10,000 assessment appeals.

MEET THE ASSESSOR

Upon Graduation from Gonzaga Regional High School in St. John's in



1978, Wayne enrolled in the Appraisal/ Assessment Technology course at the College of Trades and Technology from which he graduated in 1980. In December of 1980, Wayne went to work with the Assessment Division, City of St. John's before moving to Alberta where he worked as a Commercial/Industrial Assessor for 13 years with the Province of Alberta.

In late 1995 Wayne returned to Newfoundland joined the Western Regional Office in Corner Brook in 1996. In 1997, Wayne accepted the position of Commercial Assessor in the Eastern Regional Office, where he continues to work today.

Wayne has four children, Matthew aged 16, Christopher aged 15, Emily aged 21 months and Rebecca born in December 2000. Wayne and Brenda are kept quite busy with family life, but Wayne does enjoy participating in soccer, camping and traveling whenever possible.

Wayne finds working in the assessment field to be an enjoyable profession. He particularly likes the intricacies of commercial assessment and after more than 18 years in the assessment field, in his words, "You learn something new every day".

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