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MUNICIPAL AND NORTHERN RELATIONS

Important Notice to All Elected Officials and Chief Administrative Officers

Property Assessment Services Levy Increase

Under The Municipal Assessment Act, a statutory Assessment Levy (the Levy) is collected from municipalities every year to recover provincial costs for delivering property assessment services on behalf of municipalities. As initiated in 2025 (refer to Bulletin #2024-28), the Levy is expected to increase gradually, and for 2026 the projected increase is 2.00% to support the department's investment in IT system infrastructure and modernization. The Municipal Trust will also continue to be leveraged to support the strategic IT investments while mitigating more significant increases in the levy.

These investments are essential in maintaining reliable and efficient property assessment and taxation systems that enable property assessment and support the generation of nearly \$700 million of municipal taxes. Current projects include:

- **Mobile Assessment Interface (MAI):** A tablet-based system that allows assessors in the field to update property records when inspections are conducted, creating significant efficiencies in the inspection process. The interface is scheduled to go live in the first half of 2027.
- **Computer Assisted Mass Appraisal (CAMA):** A long-term system upgrade to replace the department's current assessment software, Manitoba Assessment Valuation and Administration System (MAVAS), modernizing the assessment software to streamline and improve data accuracy.

These IT system upgrades further the department's dedication to investment in innovative practices, maintaining a modern IT infrastructure, and replacing outdated systems to ensure efficient and reliable property assessment services to support municipal taxation.

For more information and support, please contact assessment@gov.mb.ca.

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