

How We Got Here –

The History and Importance of SAMA

This session will explore the history of assessment in Saskatchewan, the formation of SAMA as an Agency in 1987, and the consultative process that went in to implementing the move to market for the 2009 Revaluation. SAMA's continued commitment to consultation has been foundational to the work SAMA has done in managing the assessment system for the province.

Keynote Speaker – Alanna Hnatiw

Mayor Alanna Hnatiw is the mayor of Sturgeon County, Alberta. Mayor Hnatiw comes from a long line of farmers but has spent most of her adult life as an oil and gas business owner. As a leader, she focuses on opening doors to residents and keeping an open mind while looking for innovative solutions to current challenges.

Mayor Hnatiw will be speaking on how developing a prosperous future for Sturgeon County is a priority for her community, and how some of those same challenges affect municipalities in Saskatchewan. Diversification of agriculture and industry is one of her goals, as is the support of small businesses.

2025 Revaluation – Initial Trends

SAMA is committed to providing information to the public well in advance of the 2025 Revaluation, allowing municipalities and government time to anticipate and plan for any changes to assessed values. This session will detail the preliminary value trend information regarding the upcoming revaluation and outline the expected changes to assessed values in 2025.

Q&A Session

This Q&A session will provide delegates with a venue to ask questions and make comments to the SAMA Board on any assessment related matter that they would like to bring forward for the Board's consideration and response. The Board is interested in hearing your views about any topics related to the assessment system in Saskatchewan, which could include the upcoming 2025 Revaluation, SAMA's 2022-2025 strategic directions or the future of assessment in the province. SAMA will be utilizing Slido technology, which will allow delegates to submit questions for the Board from their smart phones during the annual meeting, as well as being able to ask questions directly from the floor.

VOTING REGULATIONS

Upon payment of any fee required, each municipal council may register two (2) voting delegates to attend the annual meeting. There is no requirement that the voting representative(s) from a municipality needs to be an elected representative. Municipalities are welcome to appoint an elected or non-elected person from their jurisdiction as their voting representative(s).

A voting delegate must be named in advance of the meeting as a designated voting delegate. A voting delegate must submit to SAMA a written declaration signed by a mayor, reeve, clerk or administrator of a municipality confirming that they have been appointed by that municipal council to attend the SAMA Annual Meeting as a voting delegate.

Other local government officials and non-elected representatives may be appointed by the council as non-voting participants. They may participate in discussions, but do not have voting privileges.

There is no proxy voting.

Virtual attendees to the Annual Meeting will not be allowed to vote.



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ANNUAL MEETING



2023

ASSESSMENT MATTERS

APRIL 5



REGINA



The Saskatchewan Assessment Management Agency (SAMA) would like to invite you to our 2023 Annual Meeting, taking place in Regina on Wednesday, April 5, 2023 at the Delta Hotel.

The theme of SAMA's 2023 Annual Meeting will be "Assessment Matters," and will focus on how the work SAMA does is vital to local municipalities, and how the Agency is continually looking for ways to provide quality service to our clients.

The 2023 SAMA Annual Meeting will also provide a forum for delegates to discuss SAMA's 2022-2025 Strategic Directions and an opportunity to debate submitted resolutions and consider strategies for the future. As Chair, I will provide the annual report from the Board of Directors.

SAMA is pleased to welcome as our keynote speaker, Mayor Alanna Hnatiw. Mayor Hnatiw is the mayor of Sturgeon County, Alberta, and will discuss some of the work going on in Alberta with regards to the energy sector and the diversification of agriculture and industry.

The 2023 Annual Meeting will offer three additional information sessions:

1. How We Got Here – the History and Importance of SAMA
2. 2025 Revaluation – Initial Trends
3. Q&A Session with the SAMA Board of Directors

SAMA is partnering with the Ministry of Government Relations to offer a half day training session the day before the Annual Meeting specifically geared to administrators. The training session will focus on an overview of the assessment system in Saskatchewan, looking ahead to the upcoming 2025 Revaluation, and Government Relations will detail how best to prepare for 2025 from a tax perspective, describing some of the options available to municipalities including tax tools. The session will run the afternoon of April 4, 2023, from 1:30 – 4:30, and will be held in the Trentino room, the same room as the Annual Meeting. There is no cost for the training session, however, delegates are asked to pre-register for the session.

We look forward to the participation of all municipalities and local government organizations at the April 5th Annual Meeting. In working with with our clients and stakeholders, SAMA continues to innovate and enhance assessment policies and practices and improve the services we provide.

Myron Knafelc - Chair, Board of Directors

SAMA 2023 ANNUAL MEETING

ASSESSMENT MATTERS

- 8:15 a.m.** Registration
- 9:00 a.m.** **Opening and Welcome**
Annual Meeting Chair, John Wagner
Minister of Government Relations,
Don McMorris
Regina Mayor, Sandra Masters
SAMA Chair, Myron Knafelc
- 9:15 a.m.** SAMA Chair
Annual Report from the Board of Directors
- 9:30 a.m.** Betty Rogers,
SAMA Chief Executive Officer
Progress Report
Todd Treslan, Managing Director,
Assessment Services
Assessment Services Update
Shaun Cooney,
Chief Assessment Governance Officer
Assessment Governance/Policy Update
Mathew Ratch, Managing Director,
Finance
Review of SAMA's 2022 Audited Financial Statements
- 10:15 a.m.** Coffee Break
- 10:45 a.m.** **Plenary Information Session**
"How We Got Here – The History and Importance of SAMA"
- 11:30 a.m.** Lunch
- 12:30 p.m.** **Keynote Speaker – Mayor Alanna Hnatiw**
- 1:30 p.m.** Plenary Information Session Q&A Session
- 1:45 p.m.** **Plenary Information Session**
"2025 Revaluation – Initial Trends"
- 2:15 p.m.** **Assessment Jurisdiction Updates**
SAMA, City of Prince Albert,
City of Regina, City of Saskatoon,
City of Swift Current
- 2:45 p.m.** **Resolutions**
- 3:00 p.m.** Adjournment

ADMINISTRATOR TRAINING SESSION

For 2023, SAMA has partnered with Government Relations to offer a half day training session specifically geared to administrators.

The session will run from 1:30 pm to 4:30 pm on April 4, 2023, the day before SAMA's Annual Meeting, and will be held in the Trentino Room at the Delta Hotel in Regina.

The training session will focus on an overview of the assessment system in Saskatchewan, looking ahead to the upcoming 2025 Revaluation. Government Relations will detail how best to prepare for 2025 from a tax perspective, describing some of the options available to municipalities including tax tools.

There is no additional cost for the training session above the registration fee for the Annual Meeting. For those not able to attend the Annual Meeting, and wish to only attend the administrator training session, it is still free of charge.

Elected officials are welcome to attend the training session, but the content will be geared more towards administrators.

When returning your completed registration form for the Annual Meeting, please indicate if you plan on attending the training session.

