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### **SAMA Provides Timely and Accurate Property Assessments**

Neil Hardy, Chairman of the board of the Saskatchewan Assessment Management Agency (SAMA), says that SAMA is charged with developing, regulating and delivering a stable, cost-effective assessment system. SAMA strives to maintain effective communications and positive relationships with our municipal clients and stakeholders.

"In 2015, SAMA made gains in both the total amount of work the Agency performs, and the efficiency with which the work is completed," said Neal Hardy. "The Agency continued to increase output, while at the same time progressing towards making sure existing property assessments are current and accurate, and providing municipalities the resources they need to succeed and grow."

SAMA is responsible for the governance of Saskatchewan's property assessment system. As part of this function, SAMA coordinates a full revaluation of all properties in the province every four years. 2013 was the year of the last revaluation, and the next revaluation will occur in 2017.

The Agency is responsible for a \$160 Billion property assessment base, and a \$1.83 Billion property tax base. The Agency provides assessment valuation services to 761 urban, northern and rural municipalities. It is directly responsible for the assessed values of approximately 839,000 properties in the province.

" SAMA handled record volumes of assessment maintenance and reinspections throughout 2015," said SAMA CEO Irwin Blank. "Those inspections added close to \$26 million in new annual revenue for our client municipalities and the education sector."

MLA, Kevin Phillips, and Saskatoon Mayor Donald J. Atchison both brought greetings at the meeting, and John Gormley provided the keynote address.

Delegates to the annual meeting heard the annual report from Chair, Neal Hardy, as well as updates from representatives from SAMA's administration and from Prince Albert, Regina, Saskatoon and Swift Current, four cities that provide their own assessment valuations.

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