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SAMA Focuses on the Future of Assessment in Saskatchewan

Myron Knafelc, 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 its municipal clients and stakeholders. He made the remarks at the annual meeting of SAMA stakeholders in Saskatoon.

"SAMA's main focus is on our relationships with municipalities. Improving our service delivery to municipalities is something the Agency is always striving to accomplish," said Myron Knafelc. "SAMA is the lowest cost per property assessment service provider as compared to 14 other major service providers in the country."

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. 2021 was a revaluation year, and all properties in the province were updated to a new base date of January 1, 2019. The base date is the date to which all assessments are related. The next Revaluation is scheduled for January 1, 2025.

The Agency is responsible for a \$265 Billion property assessment base, and a \$2.2 Billion property tax base. The Agency provides assessment valuation services to 757 urban, northern, and rural municipalities. It is directly responsible for the assessed values of approximately 871,000 properties in the province.

"SAMA is looking ahead to make changes as we continually look to improve the work we do as an Agency," said SAMA CEO Betty Rogers. "SAMA is here to serve municipalities and help them do the work they need to do."

The Honourable Don McMorris, Minister of Government Relations, provided a pre-recorded message of greetings on behalf of the Ministry and the Province, and Saskatoon Mayor Charlie Clark brought greetings at the meeting on behalf of the City of Saskatoon. Wanda Hunchak, Executive Vice President at Westcap Mgt. Ltd, provided the keynote address.

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

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