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SASKATCHEWAN ASSESSMENT  
MANAGEMENT AGENCY



PURSUING EXCELLENCE IN ASSESSMENT POLICY AND SERVICES FOR SASKATCHEWAN

# CEO REPORT

BETTY ROGERS



Changes at SAMA



SAMA's Purpose, Mission, Strategic Directions



Funding and Business Plan



Progress and Challenges



Seeking Your Feedback



# CHANGES AT SAMA



Irwin Blank retirement January 2022

Betty Rogers CEO

Divisional changes

Shaun Cooney, Chief Assessment Governance Officer

Todd Treslan, Managing Director Assessment Services

# SAMA'S PURPOSE

We develop, implement and support property assessments which are the financial foundation for the property tax system

Assessment governance for \$265 Billion in property assessment base

The property tax base provides over \$2.1B in revenues for municipalities and the education sector

- \$1.4B for municipalities
- \$735M for education



# OUR MISSION STATEMENT

SAMA develops, regulates and delivers a stable, cost-effective assessment system that is accurate, up-to-date, universal, equitable and understandable.

We focus on six key responsibilities:

- Governance
- Assessment Services
- Information
- Quality
- Communications
- Innovation



# STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS

Maintain and enhance the stakeholder supported funding model for SAMA

Simplify and streamline to improve efficiency and effectiveness

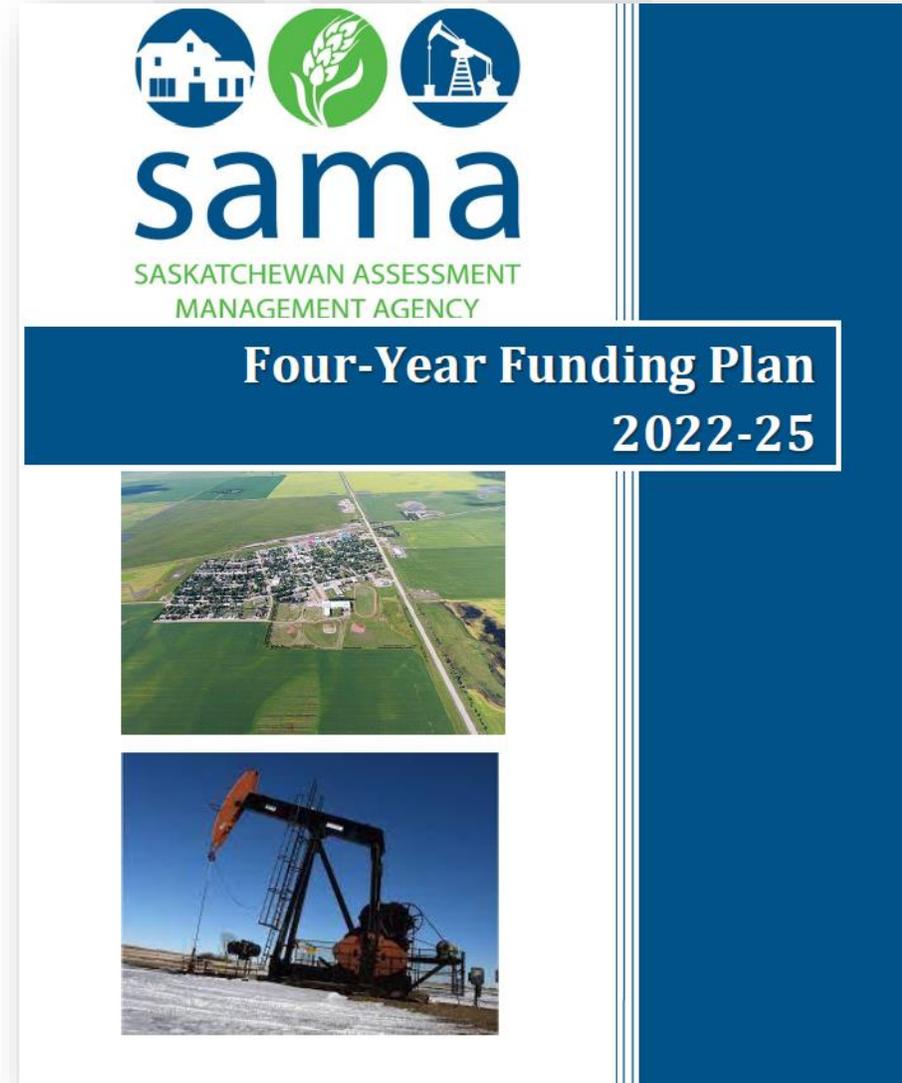
Use policy, process and technology changes together to deliver on the promise of increasing property inspections

Strengthen the capabilities of all employees



# MEETING STAKEHOLDER NEEDS: THE FOUR-YEAR FUNDING PLAN 2022-25

- Established by the Board of Directors in consultation with funding partners
- Continue to serve the people of Saskatchewan with accurate, timely, reliable, cost-effective and continually improving assessment services
- [www.sama.sk.ca](http://www.sama.sk.ca)



# FOUR-YEAR FUNDING PLAN 2022-25: CORE SERVICES

- Accurate and timely property maintenance by request of municipalities
- Property inspection reviews to keep the province on schedule for a complete reinspection cycle of 12 years
- Professional and effective support of value services for all client municipalities
- Continual review of property transactions, staying abreast of trends and changes to deliver a high-quality provincial revaluation for 2025
- Provide updates and timely information to all stakeholders while keeping lines of communication open



# 2022 BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL PLAN

- Key activities
  - Conduct 110,000 property reviews
  - Represent SAMA's clients in estimated 2,000 property appeals
  - Continue research and analysis towards the 2025 revaluation
  - Continue governance activities: provide quality assurance service, maintain central assessment database, continue to provide assessment policy updates
- Maintain same staffing levels
- CEO Vision: Increased focus on quality

# PROGRESS AND CHALLENGES

2021 stood out for a couple of reasons

- Provincial-wide revaluation
- 2<sup>nd</sup> year of the COVID-19 pandemic

Hybrid remote work model / pilot continued successfully

A record number of property inspections completed in a revaluation year

2021 was the final year of the 2018-2021 4-year planning cycle – beat our goal of 420,000 reviews by completing 429,000 reviews

# PROGRESS AND CHALLENGES CONT'D

Fewer property appeals than in prior revaluation (3,855 appeals in 2021)

Many related to complex issues on high value properties

External legal costs well over budget due to the number of appeals, many at higher courts

# LOOKING FORWARD TO TODAY

- Reports from Todd Treslan, Mathew Ratch, Shaun Cooney
  - Assessment Services Update
  - Finance Report
  - Looking to the Future
- Reports from the Cities of Prince Albert, Regina, Saskatoon and Swift Current
- Keynote Speaker Wanda Hunchak

# THIS IS YOUR MEETING!

- Future of Assessment Workshop
  - Discussion starters
  - Your feedback is useful and valuable
- Question and Answer Session

*Valued partnerships supporting strong Saskatchewan communities*

# YOUR FEEDBACK IS IMPORTANT TO US



**THANK YOU**

