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### **SAMA's Work is Vital to Local Municipalities**

Myron Knafelc, Chair of the Board of Directors of the Saskatchewan Assessment Management Agency (SAMA), says that SAMA is charged with developing, regulating, and delivering a stable, cost-effective assessment system for the province of Saskatchewan. SAMA understands assessment in the province is a collaborative effort, and we look forward to continuing our partnerships with municipalities and stakeholders in the future. He made the remarks at the annual meeting of SAMA stakeholders in Regina.

"SAMA is always looking for ways to improve the work we do for our client municipalities. Delivering timely and efficient service that is cost-effective is a key priority for the Agency," said Myron Knafelc. "SAMA continues to be one of the lowest cost per property assessment 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. The next Revaluation is scheduled for January 1, 2025, and will have a base date of January 1, 2023.

The Agency is responsible for a \$270 Billion property assessment base, and a \$2.32 Billion property tax base. The Agency provides assessment valuation services to 762 urban, northern, and rural municipalities. It is directly responsible for the assessed values of approximately 876,000 properties in the province.

"SAMA is proud to support local communities in the work they do to grow and manage their municipalities," said SAMA CEO Betty Rogers. "Property assessment is the foundation of the partnerships we share with municipalities and government in the province."

The Honourable Don McMorris, Minister of Government Relations, joined the meeting virtually and brought greetings on behalf of the Ministry and the Province.

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, Saskatoon and Swift Current, the four cities that provide their own assessment valuations.

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