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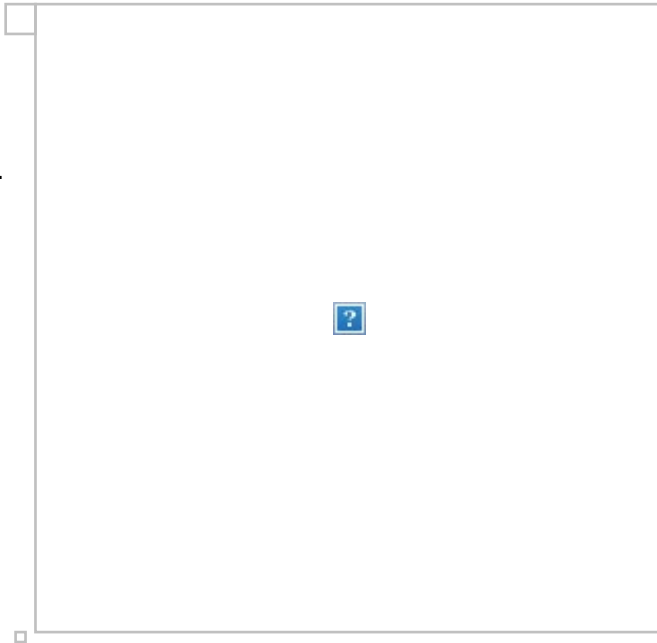
MPAC welcomes new Board members

Four new representatives were recently appointed to MPAC's Board of Directors. We are pleased to welcome new municipal representatives Delia Reiche, Ken Seiling and Pat Vanini, as well as new taxpayer representative Ray Kindiak to our Board of Directors. We look forward to their contributions and support of our commitment to quality, transparent property assessments. [Learn more.](#)

MPAC @ AMO: Property Assessment in a Post-Pandemic World

The COVID-19 pandemic changed our communities and our plans. We continue to focus on supporting the changing needs of municipalities by adapting, innovating and championing modernization, both within our business and related to our products and services. We are also looking ahead to a future province-wide Assessment Update.

Participants in our session at the 2021 Association of Municipalities of Ontario joined us to learn about how property values in Ontario have changed since 2016 and the ways we continue to support property owners in understanding their assessments. [Watch the recording of our session here.](#)



Upcoming webinar

Small Business Property Tax Subclass Policy Paper

Join MPAC for an overview of the soon-to-be released Ontario Small Business Property Tax Subclass Policy Paper.

Developed by MPAC in partnership with its municipal and industry partners, the policy paper provides an overview of how the new Small Business Property Tax Subclass can be leveraged to achieve local economic development and planning goals, as well as pathways municipalities can review when looking to consider or implement this new optional property tax subclass.

The session will be delivered by MPAC's subject matter experts, Brian Gordon and Michelle Lindquist, Regional Managers, Municipal and Stakeholder Relations. There will also be a demonstration of a new geospatial tool by Jake Lefebvre, MPAC Account Manager, that will be available to assist municipalities with analysis of potential tax policy scenarios starting in 2022 in the New Municipal Connect.

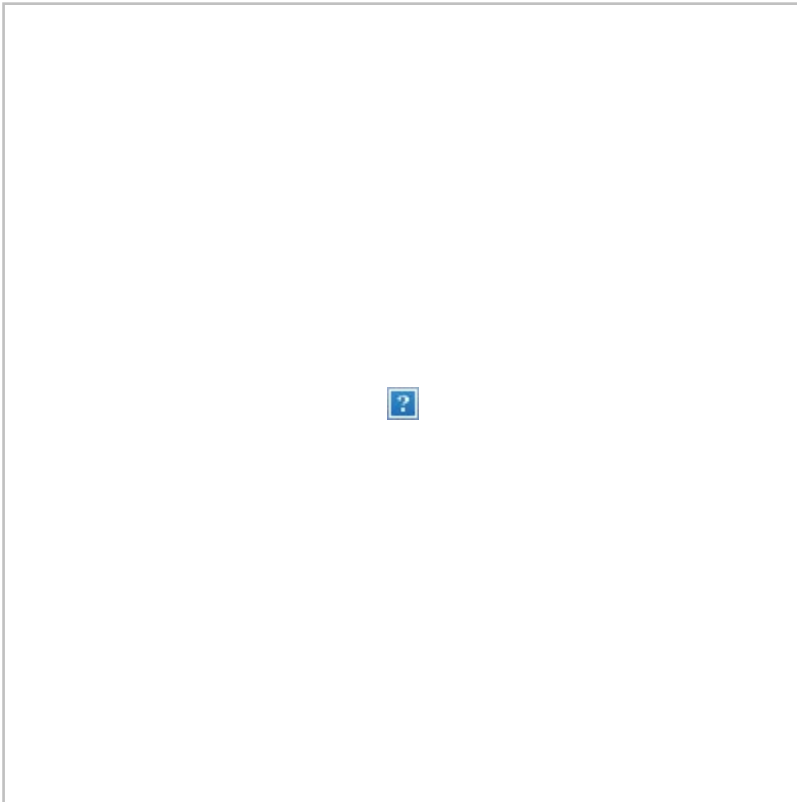
There will be time during this webinar for your questions.

Date: Friday, September 24
Time: 1 to 2 p.m. EDT

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If you missed last month's webinar on how the pandemic is impacting property sectors in Ontario, you can [watch the recording here.](#)

View the schedule of upcoming municipal webinars on mpac.ca and view recordings of all past webinars on our [YouTube channel.](#)



When the City of Barrie was hit by a tornado in July, MPAC reached out right away to offer our support. By working collaboratively with the City, a plan of action to both support the municipality and impacted property owners quickly took shape.

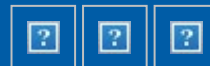
“Soon after the tornado hit, we had a series of meetings with MPAC and put together a plan for how we would address damage to properties and tax relief applications,” says Grace Marsh, Acting Manager, Property Tax and Revenue, City of Barrie. “We’ve been having weekly check-ins with MPAC to review what’s happening with properties and building permits, sharing information and establishing consistent messages to support property owners who suffered damage to their property.”

From MPAC’s perspective, the City of Barrie’s willingness to work together and share information has helped expedite assessments of damaged property.

“The City has been really helpful in providing us with as much information as they can so that we are only contacting property owners and conducting inspections when absolutely necessary,” says Kelan Jylha, Account Manager, Municipal and Stakeholder Relations. “We know this is a very challenging situation, and we want to complete our work quickly and with as little disruption to impacted property owners as possible.”

The City of Barrie and MPAC will stay in constant contact through the fall to update property data, and every effort will be made to capture as many changes as possible in time to be reflected on the return of the Assessment Roll in December.

Do you have a great story about our partnerships in action? [Share it with us.](#)



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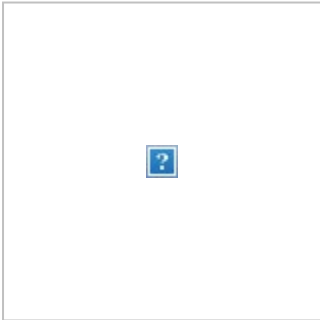


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