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CANADA GENERAL

Natural disasters are increasingly putting the value of properties at risk

This article reports on research being carried out in the University of Waterloo into natural disaster awareness in Canada and considers how far behind Canadians are in recognising which areas are exposed to risk and improving the preparedness required to react to such disasters.

The article can be accessed via the following link:

[Natural disasters are increasingly putting the value of properties at risk](#)

Homebuyer's Guide from Highest to Lowest 2025 Property Taxes in Canada

This article provides a detailed guide to how property taxes are calculated, the cities with the highest and lowest property tax rates, how property taxes can be managed and answers some FAQ's on the subject.

The article can be accessed via the following link:

[Homebuyer's Guide to 2025 Property Taxes in Canada- nesto.ca](https://www.nesto.ca/homebuyer-s-guide-to-2025-property-taxes-in-canada)

ALBERTA

Developers want Alberta government to intervene on Canmore vacancy tax

This article looks at a bylaw passed by the Town of Canmore in 2024 which allows different rates of property tax to be applied to residential, tourist and vacant properties, to enable them to tackle the housing affordability. The article reports that the bylaw is being challenged by the Building Industry and Land Development (BILD) Alberta Association.

The article can be accessed via the following link:

[Developers want Alberta government to intervene on Canmore vacancy tax](https://www.bildalberta.ca/developers-want-alberta-government-to-intervene-on-canmore-vacancy-tax)

BRITISH COLUMBIA

Preparing for BC Property Reassessment 2026

This article draws attention to the pre-roll consultation period which will take place between October and December 2025 prior to the coming into effect of the assessment valuations in 2026. The article suggests that this is the best time to consider the preliminary valuations and ask for an informal discussion if there are any concerns over the valuation.

The article can be accessed via the following link:

[Preparing for BC Property Reassessment 2026 - Canada](https://www.cityhallwatch.ca/preparing-for-bc-property-reassessment-2026-canada)

Is BC's property assessment appeal system a waste of taxpayer time and money?

This article provides one man's view of how the appeal mechanism in BC could be streamlined and improved, from granting access to BC Assessment to appraisals for other purposes, to forfeiting the right to appeal if information requests are ignored.

The article can be accessed via the following link:

[Is BC's property assessment appeal system a waste of taxpayer time and money? \(Derek Holloway\) | CityHallWatch: Tools to engage in Vancouver city decisions](https://www.cityhallwatch.ca/is-bc-s-property-assessment-appeal-system-a-waste-of-taxpayer-time-and-money-derek-holloway)

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NEW BRUNSWICK

'Change is needed': Consultations begin on N.B.'s high property taxes

This article looks at public feeling towards property taxes in the province and the announcement of a public survey, arranged by the government, seeking views on a reform of the property tax system.

The article can be accessed via the following link:

['Change is needed': Consultations begin on N.B.'s high property taxes | Telegraph-Journal](#)

N.B. cities getting denser as they respond to population growth

This article looks at the increasing demand for housing and how Moncton, Fredericton and Saint John are looking to high density residential developments to ease the demand. The article considers that a commitment to property tax reform has influenced increased development this year.

The article can be accessed via the following link:

[N.B. cities getting denser as they respond to population growth | CBC News](#)

Moncton floats tax hike after province freezes assessment

This article reports that Moncton Council, after freezing property tax rates for the last decade, is considering 3 options, keeping the rates frozen or increasing them by 2.5% or 4.5% first time in many years, after the province froze property assessments and effectively transferred property tax pressure to the municipalities.

The article can be accessed via the following link:

[Moncton floats tax hike after province freezes assessment | CBC News](#)

Property Tax Equalized Payment Plan (EPP)

This article reports that New Brunswick is introducing a Property Tax Equalized Payment Plan whereby taxpayers can spread their payments over 12 months without incurring any penalty. The article discusses who will be eligible and how to apply.

The article can be accessed via the following link:

[Property Tax Equalized Payment Plan \(EPP\) - gnb.ca](#)

ONTARIO

Northern Ontario township to shut down all municipal services next month due to financial crisis

This article reports that the small municipality of Fauquier-Strickland in Northern Ontario has a \$2.5 million operating deficit and has run down its financial reserves. The article

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explains the reasons for this, how requests for political intervention from the province have so far gone unanswered and considers the options for the municipality.

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[Northern Ontario township to shut down all municipal services next month due to financial crisis | CBC News](#)

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