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CANADA GENERAL

In a Housing Crisis, New Data Shows Canadians Trust Professional Judgement over Al Tools

This article reports on data issued by the Appraisal Institute of Canada (AIC) showing that Canadians prefer and trust independent professional appraisers to Automated Valuation Models (AVMs). The AIC is calling on the federal government to establish a federal advisory committee to assist in the deployment and proper use of AVMs to enhance the integrity of the mortgage system in Canada.

The article can be accessed via the following link:

<u>In a Housing Crisis, New Data Shows Canadians Trust Professional Judgement over Al</u> Tools

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ALBERTA

Municipal affairs minister told to get more involved in local governments

This article looks at directions that have been handed down from the Alberta Premier to the Municipal Affairs Minister to work with municipalities to speed up permitting, limit property taxes and ensure local bylaws comply with provincial policies. In response the municipalities are requesting that the province take back responsibility for collecting the Education Tax and questioning whether the mandate affects the autonomy of the municipalities.

The article can be accessed via the following link:

Municipal affairs minister told to get more involved in local governments | CBC News

NEW BRUNSWICK

City braces for tough budget process amid assessment freeze

This article reports that Fredericton Council has begun 2026 budget preparations against the background of the freezing of property tax assessments by the provincial government. The article hears from the Council's Chief Administrative Officer that the council will need to rely on growth from new construction which had already been earmarked for other projects.

The article can be accessed via the following link:

City braces for tough budget process amid assessment freeze | Telegraph-Journal

ONTARIO

Over \$151M in unpaid property taxes in 2024 in this Ontario city

This article reports that there was over \$151m in unpaid property taxes in 2024 in the City of Brampton. The article compares 2024 with the previous year and provides opinion on the reasons for the increase.

The article can be accessed via the following link:

Over \$151M in unpaid property taxes in 2024 in this Ontario city | INsauga

QUEBEC

Montreal set to unveil new three-year property assessment roll

This article reports that the City of Montreal is about to make public the new assessment roll for residential and non-residential properties following the 3 yearly reassessment.

The article can be accessed via the following link:

Whose municipal tax bills might rise next year? The new valuations will come into effect on Jan. 1. | Montreal Gazette

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SASKATCHEWAN

Saskatchewan's tax structure discourages growth

This article provides the views of a Finance Student researching into methods of government funding and proposes that as Saskatchewan's current tax system relies heavily on taxing development, investment, and labour - a disincentive to growth – the current system should be replaced by a tax on the unimproved value of land.

The article can be accessed via the following link:

Opinion: Saskatchewan's tax structure discourages growth | The Star Phoenix

Property value assessment appeals in Moose Jaw up nearly 20% since 2021

This article reports that City Hall in Moose Jaw has received 20% more property assessment appeals than for the last revaluation 4 years ago. The article provides data regarding the appeals received, the movements in the valuations and the appeals heard.

The article can be accessed via the following link:

Property value assessment appeals in Moose Jaw up nearly 20% since 2021 - MooseJawToday.com