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BRITISH COLUMBIA

Vancouver city council votes to freeze property taxes in next budget

This article reports that Vancouver Council have voted to approve a freeze in property tax for the next budget despite opposition and concerns about the impacts of cuts. City staff had recommended a 7% increase.

The article can be accessed via the following link:

Vancouver city council votes to freeze property taxes in next budget - BC | Globalnews.ca

Multi-million-dollar Vancouver property owner may have used AI to argue for a lower tax assessment

This article reports on a Property Assessment Appeal Board case for a multi-million dollar assessment where the appellant is considered to have used Artificial Intelligence to generate his case without declaring this as is required. The article states that the caselaw the appellant relied on appears to have been fictional.

The article can be accessed via the following link:

<u>Multi-million-dollar Vancouver property owner may have used AI to argue for a lower tax</u> assessment

International Property Tax Institute

NEW BRUNSWICK

Province says no extra money to compensate for property tax freeze

This article reports on the effects of the province's property tax freeze and inflation. The article hears from the Union of New Brunswick Municipalities who have called for compensation from the province to cover the budget gaps that have been caused. The article also reports on other matters discussed at the annual conference of the UNBM.

The article can be accessed via the following link:

Province says no extra money to compensate for property tax freeze | Telegraph-Journal

How one mayor says he'll beat the provincial tax freeze

This article reports that the mayor of McAdam, a community in western New Brunswick, has stated that he will not be increasing the property tax rate when addressing the budget shortfalls caused by the province's property tax assessment freeze. The article looks at the alternative fund raising that has been employed by McAdam.

The article can be accessed via the following link:

How one mayor says he'll beat the provincial tax freeze | Telegraph-Journal

Small businesses urge the New Brunswick government to provide stability and cost relief ahead of Fall Legislature

This article looks at proposals made to the New Brunswick government by the Canadian Federation of Independent Businesses (CFIB) making recommendations to address the current uncertainty in the economy including property tax reform.

The article can be accessed via the following link:

Small businesses urge the New Brunswick government to provide stability and cost relief ahead of Fall Legislature

New revenue sources for municipalities will have to wait until 2027

This article looks at the announcement that changes following the government's overhaul of the property tax system will not now be in place before the 2027 taxation year. The article hears from the Local Government Minister about the reasons for the delay.

The article can be accessed via the following link:

New revenue sources for municipalities will have to wait until 2027 | CBC News