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BRITISH COLUMBIA

When Zero Doesn't Mean Zero: What a property tax freeze does, and doesn't, tell us about the cost of running a city?

This article looks at a recent property tax survey asking citizens if they would prefer a property tax freeze with reduced public services or to pay more to maintain the services. The article discusses the options, examining what is meant by a property tax freeze, the expenses faced by Vancouver and what happens when there is a budget deficit.

The article can be accessed via the following link:

<https://cityhallwatch.wordpress.com/2026/10/07/when-zero-doesnt-mean-zero-property-taxes-villagomez/>

ONTARIO

Ontario's taxing delay on property assessments

This article looks at the shift in the property tax burden caused by the postponement of successive property tax revaluations in Ontario over the last decade.

The article can be accessed via the following link:

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<https://www.theglobeandmail.com/opinion/editorials/article-ontarios-taxing-delay-on-property-assessments/>

A costly property tax reckoning is due for Ontario homeowners

This article looks at the inevitable increase that will take place in property tax assessments when a revaluation is finally called. The article reports that the average home price in Ontario has gone up by 91% since the last assessment in 2016 and advocates equal property taxes reflecting that all residents have equal access to government services.

The article can be accessed via the following link:

<https://nationalpost.com/opinion/randall-denley-a-costly-property-tax-reckoning-is-due-for-ontario-homeowners>

SASKATCHEWAN

Saskatchewan Assessment Management Agency Operating Effectively: Independent Review

This article looks at a recent report by Upfront Consulting who were engaged by the Ministry of Government Relations to conduct an independent review of the Saskatchewan Assessment Management Agency (SAMA) governance structure and ratepayer representation, with a focus on transparency and consultation.

The article can be accessed via the following link:

<https://www.saskatchewan.ca/government/news-and-media/2026/october/26/saskatchewan-assessment-management-agency-operating-effectively-independent-review>

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