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### **SUMA and SAMA Respond to IPTI Report on Assessment**

In July 2022, the International Property Tax Institute (IPTI) completed a report titled, “Review of the Property Tax System in Saskatchewan, April 2022.” SUMA engaged IPTI to conduct the independent external review of the property assessment and taxation system in Saskatchewan in relation to best practices from other jurisdictions.

“Our hometowns rely on property assessment values for tax purposes, and we have a commitment to our residents to ensure we are following the best assessment practices,” SUMA President Randy Goulden said. “Just as our municipalities assess their governance practices to ensure effectiveness and transparency, this external review was an opportunity to see what other jurisdictions are doing when it comes to property assessment and taxation and how Saskatchewan compares.”

The SUMA Board of Directors will review the IPTI report on September 23, followed by the SUMA City Mayors’ Caucus on September 27.

The IPTI report provides options for change on a wide range of assessment and taxation policy matters. The possibilities of these options and the potential to move forward with changes to the assessment system will be brought forward to stakeholders for extensive discussion. Any changes related to the report would not be immediate.

"SAMA has always placed a lot of importance and value in the consultation process," said SAMA CEO Betty Rogers. "We strive to include our stakeholders and other affected parties whenever changes to the assessment system are being considered."

SAMA’s priority is to finalize assessment policy, consultations, and publications related to the January 1, 2023 base date in use for the 2025 province-wide revaluation. For this reason, any significant consultations with stakeholders on the IPTI report and its findings will likely occur in 2023.

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