

June 30, 2017

Ms. Sheila Kitz, Chief Administrative Officer
County of St. Paul
5015 - 49 Avenue
St. Paul, AB T0A 3A4

Dear Ms. Kitz:

Re: Designated Industrial Property Assessment

The *Modernized Municipal Government Act (MMGA)* received Royal Assent on December 9, 2016. Effective January 1, 2018 the responsibility for the assessment of properties defined as Designated Industrial Properties (DI properties) will be transferred from municipalities to the provincial assessor (PA).

Work is currently underway in consultation with affected stakeholders to develop the detailed plan and long term vision for the delivery of property assessment for designated industrial properties to municipalities and their taxpayers.

Municipal Affairs has been working in consultation with industry, municipalities, and assessors to develop the strategy to effectively manage the transition. The transition is expected to occur over a three year period and will entail a hybrid delivery model that involves some municipalities maintaining the assessment function for DI properties under the guidance of the PA. As we progress through the transition we will evaluate the effectiveness of delivery and make adjustments as required. Although the details have not been finalized, we would like to determine if your municipality would be interested in continuing to provide the property assessment function for DI properties under this hybrid approach.

Please also indicate in your response how many staff or full time equivalent positions your municipality employs or contracts to complete your annual industrial property assessment.

If you have any questions on this matter please feel free to contact Chris Risling, Project Director, Centralized Industrial Assessment, at 780 422 8414 or chris.risling@gov.ab.ca.

Yours truly,



Steve White
Provincial Assessor