

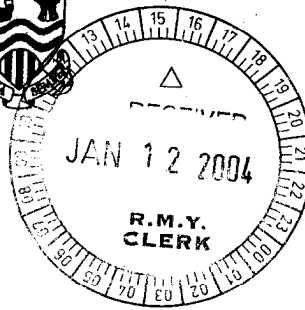
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ALL MUNICIPALITIES IN ONTARIO:

Re: Resolution on Tax Assessment

Sarnia City Council at its meeting held December 15th, 2003, considered the attached communication from Mayor Mike Bradley on the above matter. The following resolution was adopted:

THAT Sarnia City Council ask the new McGuinty government to immediately review the current assessment system and to correct a number of the injustices that are occurring and to immediately review the so-called "tax fairness legislation" that is mandating communities to shift the tax burden from multi-residential industrial commercial to residential, and

THAT this resolution be sent to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, MPAC, the Institute of Municipal Assessors and all Ontario municipalities for endorsement and support.

We would appreciate your favourable consideration of Council's resolution.

Yours truly,

Brian W. Knott
City Solicitor/Clerk

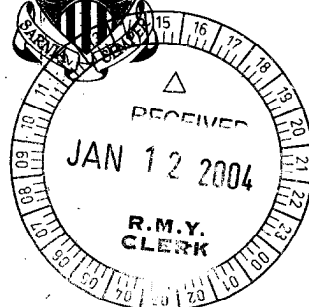
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December 11, 2003

Sarnia City Council
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SARNIA, ON

Dear Council Members:

RE: TAX ASSESSMENT

There is increasing evidence in Sarnia and across the Province that the new assessment system brought in by the former Finance Minister, Ernie Eves, in the late 1990s is creating an unfair burden on residential property owners with the average increase in Sarnia this year being 14%.

There are a number of factors involved including the annual assessment review done by computer models that is creating double-digit increases in assessment value.

In addition, one of the biggest changes that is occurring is the so-called tax fairness shift which is anything but—switching business, industrial, and commercial taxes over to residential taxes. In the meantime, business and industry is capped at 5% while residential has no cap.

I respectfully ask Council to pass the following resolution:

THAT Sarnia City Council ask the new McGuinty government to immediately review the current assessment system and to correct a number of the injustices that are occurring and to immediately review the so-called "tax fairness legislation" that is mandating communities to shift the tax burden from multi-residential industrial commercial to residential, and

THAT this resolution be sent to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, MPAC, the Institute of Municipal Assessors and all Ontario municipalities for endorsement and support.

Yours sincerely,



Mike Bradley
Mayor of Sarnia

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Mrs. Caroline Di Cocco, MPP – Sarnia-Lambton
The Honourable Greg Sorbara, Minister of Finance
The Honourable John Gerretsen, Minister of Municipal Affairs
Mrs. Maria Van Bommel, MPP – Lambton-Kent-Middlesex

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