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To: Chief Administrative Officers and Clerks
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Subject: **Deceased-Data Sharing Agreement with MPAC and MGS**

As you will recall, *Bill 212, The Good Government Act, 2009* which received Royal Assent on December 15, 2009 made a number of changes to the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996* affecting the enumeration process. One of the changes was a provision allowing the Registrar General and the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) to enter into an agreement for access to vital statistics to support the preparation of the Preliminary List of Electors (PLE).

The Registrar General and MPAC have recently entered into such an agreement initiated by MPAC whereby the Ministry of Government Services (MGS) will be providing MPAC with the names of deceased persons recorded in the Vital Statistics Database since January 1, 2007. This information, in addition to the records available to MPAC through access to the National Register of Electors (Elections Canada), will be used to suppress deceased names from the 2010 Preliminary Lists of Electors.

While we are working to improve on the accuracy of the PLE with access to this additional information, there are a few outstanding issues that may have an impact on the results. The information provided by MGS will include the last known place of residence for the deceased individual as identified on the registration. This may not be the same address that is on file with MPAC. As a result, it is possible that not all names provided to MPAC by MGS can be matched to a record currently within MPAC's database.

Furthermore, while the amending legislation contained in Bill 212 provides for MPAC's access and use of such information in the preparation of the PLE, it does not provide for its use in the preparation of other legislated assessment deliverables – i.e. the Assessment Roll, Notices of Assessment etc.

In support of the delivery of customer service excellence to our shared customers – the property taxpayers of Ontario, both MPAC and MGS will continue discussions and attempt to resolve outstanding issues identified to date including the use of deceased data for purposes that extend beyond the preparation of the PLE and to other legislative deliverables.

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Please do not hesitate to contact your local Municipal Relations Representative directly if you have any questions regarding the Deceased-Data Sharing Agreement between MPAC and the Ministry of Government Services.

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