



MUNICIPAL PROPERTY ASSESSMENT CORPORATION

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To: All Ontario Municipal Councils

From: Carl Isenburg, President and Chief Administrative Officer
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Re: Negotiations with the Ontario Public Service Employees Union (OPSEU)

I am writing in response to the issues raised in the March 16 letter to you from the Ontario Public Service Employees Union (OPSEU).

We are now in negotiations with OPSEU to renew our collective agreement. Further meetings have been scheduled for next week with a Conciliation Officer from the Ministry of Labour.

We are implementing a realignment that will enable managers in our field offices to more effectively allocate resources to respond to local issues and concerns, including addressing supplementary and omitted assessment backlogs. This information was shared with OPSEU at the bargaining table. The changes are based on suggestions and input from employees across the organization.

The issue of seasonal and part-time staff is also being discussed with OPSEU as part of negotiations.

It is also important to note that all the costs the union has estimated are total costs budgeted over four years.

- The Integrated Property System (IPS) is a much-needed replacement for our 25-year-old OASYS system. The system in place today was developed on schedule and within IT budgets according to the specifications, timing and approach, including the use of outside contractors, detailed in that plan. IPS performed well during the 2008 assessment update and has continued to perform well. As a result of our investment in IPS, our IT budget is now declining in relation to MPAC's total budget.

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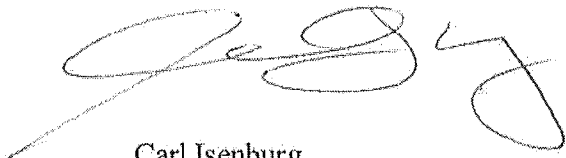
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- We have 33 field offices located across the province, from Windsor to Thunder Bay and Ottawa. The bulk of our travel and accommodation budget is for all MPAC employees and is required for property inspections, valuation, meetings and employee training sessions. Travel out of province is primarily related to the exchange of information on valuation best practices and professional development.

Next week we will be at the bargaining table to continue our negotiations with OPSEU in an effort to conclude a collective agreement.

I would be happy to provide any additional information or answer any questions that you have regarding our activities and operations.

Yours truly,



Carl Isenburg
President and Chief Administrative Officer