

Assessment Bulletin

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EAP Technical Committee Recommendation

Item: 8A

Title: Data Sharing – Acceptable Uses

EAP Recommendation: 1, 5

Question: What are the acceptable uses of a municipality's ASSET data (e.g. sales, assessment roll, tax roll)? Specifically in terms of:

- Expanding sales beyond municipal boundaries
- Equalized assessment quality/accuracy
- Preparation of the assessment roll
- Defending assessment rolls before the ARB or MGB
- Others?

Background:

EAP Recommendation 1 states "Subject to freedom of information and privacy legislation, all assessment information, as prescribed by the Minister and in the possession of either provincial or municipal assessment officials should be made available in a manner sufficient to satisfy the need to verify assessment quality and equalization accuracy". The acceptable uses will form part of the milenet/ASSET agreement that every user must sign before accessing ASSET.

Recommendation:

Any commercial rights to the data reside with the municipalities. The Minister will not grant access to the data for commercial purposes without the consent of the municipalities that are affected.

Alberta Municipal Affairs may not use the data for a commercial purpose

Subject to legislative provisions, the Minister has the discretion to share the data on a non-commercial basis where it is in the public interest to do so.

Specific details concerning the use of the data should be covered off in the milenet and ASSET user agreements.

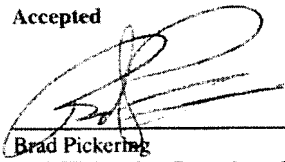
Recommendation Background:

Recommended


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