## LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES DIVISION



# Equalized Assessment Panel Technical Committee

### **EAP Technical Committee Recommendation**

Item: 8

Title: Data Sharing Principles

EAP Recommendation: 1.5

Question: What are the guiding principles for data sharing between municipalities.

#### 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". ASB is pursuing the issue of FOIPP, but to date there are no restrictions on sharing assessment information, including personal information within the assessment stakeholder community.

#### Recommendation:

#### Principles:

- Move to live assessment for equalized;
- Satisfy audit requirements;
- Minimize imposition on municipalities and assessment practitioners;
- Instill trust in the process so that there is no need for appeals;
- Use municipal assessment and tax roll directly to increase confidence;
- Clear and mechanized execution of all calculations, thereby creating a true common process;
- Access to other municipality's data (ie., characteristics, etc. to be defined) to improve the quality of assessments;
- There should be value and good business purpose to all data collected and shared.

Recommendation Background: TBD

Recommended

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Accepted

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