

# Assessment Bulletin

Phone: 780-422-1377

Fax: 780-422-3110

lgsmail@gov.ab.ca

www.gov.ab.ca/ma

15th Floor Commerce Place

10155 - 102 Street

Edmonton, AB T5J 4L4

Bulletin #0208-01

## **PROCEDURAL COMPLIANCE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT ACT SECTION 295(4)**

The Municipal Government Amendment Act 2002 (Bill 23) was passed in May 2002 by the provincial legislature. One of the amendments relates to section 295(4) of the Municipal Government Act.

Section 295(4) deals with an assessed person's duty to provide information requested by an assessor for the preparation of property assessments. The amendment to section 295(4) will come into effect on January 1, 2003. It states that a person has 60 days after the request to report the information. Under the existing section 295(4), the assessed person is required to provide information requested by an assessor on or before February 15 of the year following the assessment year.

To comply with any possible interpretations regarding the new section 295(4) and its 60-day response time, the Assessment Services Branch strongly encourages assessors to make information requests prior to December 1, 2002. This is so that any information request put forth by assessors will comply with both the existing and amended version of section 295(4).

For further information, contact Ms. Karen Wronko, Manager, Procedural Policy, at (780) 422-8420.