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IMPORTANT DATES

IAAO Annual Conference
August 29– September 1, 2010
Orlando, Florida

AAA Fall Symposium & Golf
September 15-17, 2010
Nisku/Leduc AB

AAA 2011 Annual Conference
April 4-8, 2011
Red Deer, AB

2010 Fall Symposium & Golf Tournament

The 2010 Fall Symposium final program outline and registration forms for both the symposium and the golf tournament are now posted on the AAA website under [Current Events](#).

This year's program has variety for all, with a presentation from the motivational speaker Lisa Chell, presenting 'ConZentrate'. Followed by the presentation of The Gettel Network for the morning of Thursday, September 16. The afternoon program consists of three site visits (choice of 2 tours) to properties in the Leduc/Nisku area that will give options of interest for residential and commercial appraisals.

The morning of Friday, September 17 will include a Municipal Affairs Bearpit session reviewing Bill 23, followed by a presentation from Jeff McKinnon on Remote Tablets and the introduction of CAMA lot. Another Bearpit session regarding the Assessment Complaint System with a Q&A period will conclude the morning sessions (questions may be forwarded to the Association office for this session and will be presented to AMA for discussion). The afternoon program will be a Legal Panel Discussion on CARB decisions and 296 decisions.

All members attending the Fall Symposium can make individual hotel reservations at the Best Western Denham Inn in Leduc. Contact the reservation desk at 780.986.2241, please mention the AAA Fall Symposium to obtain the discounted group rate. www.bestwesterndenham.com

Consent for Sharing Information

The Association has received a letter from Alberta Municipal Affairs requesting an electronic copy of our members contact information to ensure that the AMA's information is up-to-date. Please refer to the e-mail with attachment letter that was addressed to members July 14, 2010.

In accordance with the Personal Information Protection Act (PIPA) the Association office is canvassing for your consent. All consents must be received back to the Association office by Friday, August 13, 2010. If the Association office does not receive members responses it will be counted as a non-declaration which will equal a YES, I consent.

Re-certification Credit Reminder

A reminder to Accredited Members who have not yet met the total credit requirement (30 credits; 20 valuation minimum you have just a few months remaining to complete your requirements and update your recertification record in the [Members Only](#) section on the Associations' website. The current 5-year re-certification cycle ends December 31, 2010.

Volunteers Needed

Urgently required, volunteers for our upcoming Fall Career Fairs!

If you would like the opportunity to promote the Association and our designation, please consider volunteering for one of our upcoming career fairs!

Career Fairs participation in 2010 are as follows:

- ◆ September 29/10 Career Fair - U of Lethbridge, Lethbridge
- ◆ October 19/10 Career Fair - Vermillion Campus, Vermillion
- ◆ October 29/10 Career Show - BMO Centre, Calgary
- ◆ Nov. 19 & 20/10 Canada Career Week Fair- Agricom, Edmonton



Please contact the Association office if you would like to volunteer for one of the above events, general credits will be awarded for Re-Certification purposes. Your valuable time and consideration in assisting in the promotional aspect of our profession is greatly appreciated.

Please reply to smalley@assessor.ab.ca

New on the Website

Alberta Municipal Affairs - Property Assessment and Taxation Updated Guides

1. Is your Property Assessment Fair & Accurate?
2. Guide to Property Assessment & Taxation in Alberta
3. Preparing for your Assessment Complaint or Appeal Hearing
4. Property Tax Exemptions in Alberta - Guide
5. Municipal Government Act section 299 or 300—Compliance Review Form (LGS1408)

http://www.municipalaffairs.alberta.ca/mc_property_assessment_and_taxation_publications.cfm

AUMA Task Force on Assessment Final Report Link

http://www.assessor.ab.ca/forms_publications/download/FinalAssessmentTaskForceReport.pdf

The IAAO Communications Survey

The IAAO is requesting Alberta's assessment community's participation in a communications survey. The survey may be taken by both IAAO members and nonmembers and takes approximately 15 minutes. Again, the survey is not restricted to IAAO members. The survey is found under the following link.

<http://www.iaao.org/sitePages.cfm?Page=412>

The IAAO appreciates your anticipated support and participation.

The IAAO Library Link

<http://www.iaao.org/library/index.cfm>

Reynolds Mirth Richards & Farmer LLP

RMRF ASSESSMENT HELP LINE

Reynolds Mirth Richards & Farmer LLP is pleased to provide Alberta Municipal Assessors with the Assessment Help Line. The Assessment Help Line offers a 15 minute call at no charge to discuss any question relating to property assessment and taxation. From questions relating to collecting construction cost information, handling requests for additional depreciation or navigating the legislative requirements for exemption requests, please call toll free **1.800.661.7673** to speak with any of our team lawyers to discuss any question or issue that you may be facing.

New Decisions Issued Under the New Legislation - Bill 23

prepared by Carol M. Zukiwski—Reynolds Mirth Richards & Farmer LLP

We have updated our website with a number of decisions, and wish to thank those who shared these decisions with us. The MGB has issued a decision concerning the valuation of several golf courses in the City of Edmonton. The Court of Queen's Bench has issued a decision regarding sections 294 - 296, and a decision concerning net annual rental value for the purpose of business tax. The website has also been updated with new CARB decisions concerning the sufficiency of complaint forms.

Copies of the above decisions can be found at
<http://www.rmr.com/index.php?section=131>

Real Estate Council of Alberta News

Red flags indicate the possibility of a concern. The Real Estate Council of Alberta (RECA) has information bulletins on topics of interest to the real estate appraisal industry; for viewing please find the link below.

<http://www.reca.ca/industry/content/legislation-bulletins/real-estate-appraisal.htm>

University of Alberta Promotion

The University of Alberta through Government Studies operates a national online certificate for municipal administrators. At the moment we are in search of an instructor that would be available to teach this course. As previously mentioned this is an online course utilizing WebCT. Approximately, 90% of the students in this class reside in the province of Alberta. The curriculum of the course "Property Taxation and Assessment" is already written and has been offered numerous times. Assignments, final exam, and grading criteria are also in place. The course begins in January 2011, and is thirteen (13) weeks in length with the final online exam in April. If you are interested please contact **Robert R. Burrows at 780.492.5717**

Contributions to the E-clipboard

The Association is always seeking for content submission's from our members. The following information items are examples that may be submitted for consideration of use in the E-Clipboard Newsletter;

- ◆ Member engagement, marriage or milestone birthdays;
- ◆ Member retirements; Member accomplishments;
- ◆ Valuation articles; Editorial articles;
- ◆ Member children or grandchildren birth announcements;
- ◆ Employment Opportunities and Requests for Proposals;
- ◆ Biography on group and photo; Team building stories and photos';

We look forward to hearing from you, if you have items for submissions please direct them to ismalley@assessor.ab.ca



Sad News— Mr. Patrick Dumont



It is with great sadness that the Association announce that Mr. Patrick Dumont has passed away at the age of 55 years on July 22, 2010.. Pat was well known within the Association and will be remembered for his valuable dedication and input towards the assessment practice. Pat had been a member of the Alberta Assessors' Association since 1981 and became an accredited member in 1988. Pat was the chair of the PRC committee from 1997-1999 and an AAA past president from 2001-2002, Pat had received his 25 years of service award in 2006.

Pat was associated with many people as he had opportunity to work in several Alberta Municipalities. Pat worked with the City of Edmonton from 1988-1990, the City of Grande Prairie from 1980-1988 and the County of Wetaskiwin from 1990 to present. He will be greatly missed by many people. The Association would like to extend it's thoughts and prayers to the family at this time of sorrow. If you would like to leave a comment for the family please refer to the link below.

<http://www.legacy.com/can-edmonton/Obituaries.asp?Page=Lifestory&PersonId=144329143>

Funeral Service will be held at Baker Funeral Chapel, 5302-50 Avenue, Wetaskiwin on **Friday, July 30, 2010 at 1:00 p.m.** with Reverend Jackie Darby officiating. Cremation has taken place. Memorial tributes are gratefully accepted to Ducks Unlimited. Baker Funeral Chapel, Wetaskiwin (780) 352-2501 or (888) 752-2501 ~ A Wombold Family Funeral Home ~

Retirement Notice— Ms. Barb O'Brien

The City of Airdrie would like you to join us in congratulating, Barb O'Brien on her retirement. Barb started with the City in the Taxation Department in 1998 before moving into an Assessor Position in 2001. She spent most of her career working with the Cochrane contract until moving over to Airdrie in 2008. Her cheerful personality (mostly in the afternoons) and terrific sense of humor always kept everyone entertained. We are really going to miss her.

A celebration for Barb was held in Council Chambers in Airdrie on Thursday July 15th from 2:00 to 4:00. The City of Airdrie would like to tank all those who attended to wish Barb farewell.



Wedding Celebration—Mr. & Mrs. Risling

Ms. Chris Utley and Mr. Rod Risling were married on May 15, 2010 in St. Albert, AB. The Association would like to extend it's well wishes to the newly married couple - Congratulations!

IAAO 151 Course — USPAP

(Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practices)

The Association is requesting members who would like to take the above course to please contact the Association office by **August 31, 2010**.

Educational Presentations

CPD (Cont. Professional Development) Fridays - Feed Your Future

When: October 1, 2010, *Tme*: 9am-11am Pacific; 12pm-2pm Eastern)

This course is intended to explore the principles and techniques of commercial and residential lease analysis. It assumes no particular background for the reader, other than an interest in commercial real estate and a desire to learn. After reading the course materials, the reader will have a good basic knowledge of lease analysis theory and its practices. Lesson 1 explains the types of tenure, lease clauses, lease definitions, and provides an overview of commercial tenancy law. Lesson 2 expands on the mathematics of lease analysis as well as reviewing several standard leases.

To find out more about this session, including tuition and registration details, please visit the website:

<http://www.realestate.ubc.ca/webinar>

Employment Opportunities

New job postings for this issue:

- ♦ Manager of Assessment Services, Mountain View County

For links to archived postings, please visit the Association website [Employment](#) page.

Random Notes

There is a unique way we all belong to the world. Apprentice yourself to that discovery. - *David Whyte*

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