

Assessment | Taxation – April 22, 2021 (10:30 AM - 11:30 AM)

“The purpose of assessment and taxation legislation in Alberta is to establish and maintain a property assessment system that fairly and equitably distributes taxes, and promotes transparency, predictability and stability for municipalities and taxpayers.”

The **Municipal Government Act (MGA)** gives direction to Alberta municipalities in the areas of:

- Governance and Administration
- Planning and Development
- Assessment and Taxation

Property taxes are a primary source of revenue for municipalities

Property taxes are used to finance local programs and services such as: garbage collection | water and sewer services | road construction and maintenance | parks and leisure facilities | Police and fire protection | senior's lodges | education



This webinar will focus on the **Alberta model of property assessment and taxation**



Topics include:

- The main features of the system
- The relationship between assessment and taxation
- Municipal property tax
- Provincial education property tax
- The importance of equalized assessment
- Other property-related taxes used in Alberta

Learning Objectives:

- **Legislation:** Municipal Government Act (MGA) | Regulations | Municipal Bylaws
- **Property Assessment:** Property Classes | Assessment Roll and Notice | Amending assessments | Other MGA
- **Property Taxation:** Assessment, Requisitions and Budget | Tax Rate bylaw | Uncollected School taxes
- **Tax Recovery:** Methods for Tax recovery | Tax penalties | Define Current vs. Arrears Taxes | Tax arrears list

Who will Benefit:

Financial Officers, CAOs, and others having a role in a Municipality's Taxation operations



This class will be interactive between attendees and instructor, and participants will be able to bring their own problem - solving needs to the discussions.

The webinar will discuss the legislation that governs municipalities with respect to Assessment and Taxation.

Registration Details:

GFOA Alberta | Website: <https://www.GFOA.AB.CA/events.php>

Webinar Host



TAMARA SLOBODA is a Chartered Professional Accountant (CPA, CGA) and former Municipal Financial Advisor for Alberta Municipal Affairs.

Tamara has a passion for people and communities.

POSITIONS THAT TAMARA HAS HELD:

- *CAO for the Town of Thorsby – current*
- *Municipal Financial Advisor - Municipal Affairs*
- *Director of Finance - Senior Long-Term Care Facility*
- *Corporate Treasurer – School District*
- *Director of Finance - BC Treaty Commission*

Tamara has led numerous improvements to both reporting and finance processes in her career and has a strong history of challenging the process to initiate innovation, creativity, and improvement.

Implemented fully integrated budget and financial reporting software

Developed municipal tools for Tax and Assessment (tax rate by-law), Annual Report, Budget Operations 3+ and 5+

Increased efficiency, and profitability, by managing team productivity, costs and budgets.

Implemented full set of policies, internal controls and accounting systems

Developed financial plans, budgets (Operating & Capital), forecasts and analytics

Developed and presented Strategic Planning for Council and Administration



EDUCATION AND AFFILIATIONS:

- *Chartered Professional Accountant at **CPA, CGA***

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