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Linear Property Assessment Fees

Linear property fees will increase to cover 100% of the calculated cost of producing the linear property assessment as there was a significant gap that existed between the cost to Municipal Affairs to prepare the linear assessment and the costs recovered from the municipalities through fees. On a per-dollar-of-assessment basis, the cost of preparing linear assessments is substantially lower than the cost of preparing other types of property assessments.

Full cost recovery for linear property assessment fees will be implemented in 2011/12.

The total amount of linear fees to be collected will be calculated using the previous year's actual costs for salaries, supplies and services, and the average cost of legal fees over the previous five years due to the potential for a wide variance in year-to-year legal costs.

The formula for calculating the fees will remain the same for each year; however, the amount to be recovered will be recalculated each year to reflect annual cost changes and to adjust the rate due to changes in the linear assessment base.

If you have any question, please contact the Assessment Services Branch at <u>lgsmail@gov.ab.ca</u>, or at 780-422-7125 (toll free by first dialing 310-0000).

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