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Good afternoon Mayor Rochefort,

As the pandemic continues, the work of municipalities to keep our communities safe and healthy is as important as ever. We recognize that pandemic management and recovery is the foremost priority for the coming year, and at MPAC we've been working throughout 2021 to do everything we can to support our municipal partners.

During this time of uncertainty, we have continued our work to control MPAC's budget. We have also been working diligently to capture new assessment, which will bolster municipal revenues.

Controlling costs: 2022 provincial municipal levy

In recognition of the ongoing challenges of the pandemic, MPAC's Board of Directors approved the 2022 operating budget with a total municipal levy increase of 0%. This is the second year in a row with no increase in the levy.

MPAC has been working hard to control expenses. Despite increases to collectively bargained labour costs, we have managed costs in other areas, and have been able to apply savings from 2021 to maintain the budget at the current level. As always, the individual levy amount for municipal billing partners is determined by a formula based on our total costs, as well as the assessment base and number of properties within each municipality.

MPAC remains committed to ensuring its services are delivered efficiently. As Ontario continues to move toward a pandemic exit it is expected that additional revenue from levies will be needed to support MPAC's operations in upcoming years. However, MPAC is committed to providing cost stability to municipalities by carefully managing the level of future increases.

Municipal billing partners can expect to receive more details about their individual 2022 levy in early December. Municipalities can contact their Account Manager with inquiries in the interim.

Supporting pandemic recovery: capturing new assessment

We know that funding from new construction, additions and renovations provides a critical stream of new revenue for municipalities. We also know that as Ontarians were urged to “stay home” to limit the spread of COVID-19, many saw an opportunity to improve their homes. MPAC data shows that in 2020, residential building permits for home improvements jumped by 15% compared to the year before.

The pandemic has presented challenges to MPAC’s efforts to capture this new assessment. However, by working with our municipal partners on innovations such as sharing electronic building plans, we have been able to continue capturing the value of Ontarians’ home improvements.

While the pandemic continues, there is much to be optimistic about—COVID-19 vaccines are an incredible tool that are putting us on the path to the post-pandemic future. As we go down that path, MPAC will continue to adapt as the situation changes, while providing the services that you rely on.

Thank you for your work to guide our communities through a period of incredible challenges.

Alan Spacek
Chair, MPAC Board of Directors

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President and Chief Administrative Officer, MPAC