

MPAC 2009 Property Assessment Meeting - Summary

On January 28, 2009, CAPTR/WRAFT/FOCA co-hosted a meeting for interested property owners with representatives of the [Municipal Property Assessment Corporation](#) (MPAC) at the [Lawrence Park Community Church](#) in Toronto.

Agenda

- 7:00 Opening remarks and introductions – *Jim Deeks*
Terry Rees (WRAFT) introductory remarks and background
- 7:15 MPAC assessment presentation - Bill Bradley, Larry Hummel
- 8:00 Questions from the floor



*Over 160 people crowded into the WRAFT/CAPTR/FOCA meeting
with MPAC on January 28 in Toronto*

The event was organized to provide an opportunity to get answers to questions about the recent property assessment, to discuss changes at MPAC and with the assessment process. The meeting was a response to the flood of questions and concerns about shifting property assessments, and was timed to allow interested property owners to meet the deadline for filing 'Requests for Reconsideration' which is **March 31, 2009**.

The evening was facilitated by Jim Deeks on behalf of WRAFT/CAPTR.

Opening and introductory remarks were provided by Terry Rees, FOCA's Executive Director and an executive member of WRAFT. Terry outlined the continued concerns of waterfront and other residential property taxpayers about the volatility within the existing system, and the need for the Ministry of Finance to consider alternative approaches to assessing social costs, rather than purely on assessed value alone.

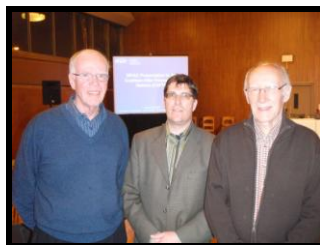
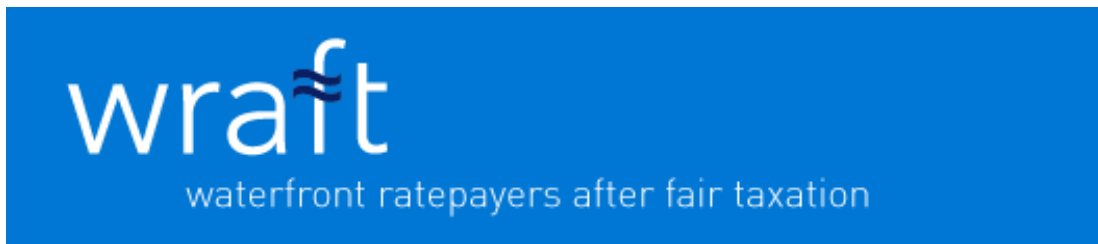
Many changes have come about within the assessment system and MPAC, and this venue provided an opportunity for all in attendance to better understand the system and their options.

Following these remarks, MPAC Account Relations representative, Bill Bradley, provided an extensive [review](#) of the assessment and appeals process. Follow up questions from the floor were largely centred on the ongoing difficulties in finding comparable properties in rural and waterfront Ontario, understanding the valuation process, and the process for seeking more information about individual property assessments. Most questions were responded to by MPAC Vice President of Property Valuation, Larry Hummel.

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*Alan Morson and Terry Rees of WRAFT, with Bob Topp (CAPTR) at meeting
with MPAC on January 28 in Toronto*