



February 14, 2025

**BY EMAIL**

Honourable Doug Ford  
Premier of Ontario  
Legislative Building, Queen's Park  
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1  
Email: premier@ontario.ca

**Re: Resume the Assessment Cycle**

At its Regular Council Meeting held on January 13, 2025, Council supported the enclosed correspondence dated December 11, 2024, from the Corporation of the Town of Cobalt regarding the reassessment cycle. Council calls upon the provincial government to promptly resume the assessment cycle to ensure the stability and predictability of property taxes.

Council accordingly passed the following resolution:

**R25-01-013**

Moved By Councillor Verbeek  
Seconded By Councillor McGuire-Blais

**That** the correspondence from the Corporation of the Town of Cobalt dated December 11, 2024, regarding the assessment cycle be received and supported; and

**That** a letter of support be sent to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, Rural Ontario Municipalities Association, Municipalities Property Assessment Corporation and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

**Carried**



We trust you will find this satisfactory. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Malandruccolo".

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Enclosure

cc: Rural Ontario Municipalities Association  
Municipalities Property Assessment Corporation  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)



# THE CORPORATION OF THE **TOWN OF COBALT**

December 11, 2024

Hon. Doug Ford  
Premier of Ontario  
Legislative Building, Room 28, Queen's Park  
Toronto, Ontario  
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Sent Via Email: Premier@ontario.ca

Please be advised that at the Regular Meeting of Council on December 10, 2024, the Town of Cobalt adopted the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION No. 2024-217**

**MOVED BY:** Councillor Starchuk

**SECONDED BY:** Councillor Lafleur

**WHEREAS** the assessment cycle is an essential process for maintaining the fairness and predictability of property taxes in our province;

**AND WHEREAS** the pause in the reassessment cycle has created uncertainty and instability in the property taxation, impacting both residential and commercial property owners;

**AND WHEREAS** the government has delayed an assessment update again in 2024, resulting in Ontario's municipalities continuing to calculate property taxes using 2016 property values;

**AND WHEREAS** both current and outdated assessments are inaccurate, increase volatility, and are not transparent;

**AND WHEREAS** frequent and accurate reassessments are necessary to stabilize property taxes and provide predictability for property owners, residents, and businesses alike;

**AND WHEREAS** the staff at the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation would benefit from further skill enhancement and training in assessments, recognizing the importance of ensuring accurate evaluations for 100% of our municipality;

**AND WHEREAS** the pause in the reassessment cycle has created uncertainty and instability in the property taxation, impacting both residential and commercial property owners;

**AND WHEREAS** the Government has announced a review of the property assessment and taxation system with a focus on fairness, equity, and economic competitiveness, and therefore further deferring new property assessment;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Cobalt hereby calls upon the Premier to promptly resume the assessment cycle to ensure the stability and predictability of property taxes while the Government conducts its review of the property assessment and taxation system, or respond with an alternative method for every municipality in Ontario to achieve fair taxation;

**AND FURTHER THAT** all Municipalities in Ontario and their constituents are encouraged to apply pressure to the Premier, daily, weekly, and monthly, to resolve the situation before it causes undo stress to everyone in the Municipality;

**AND FINALLY THAT** a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier, the relevant provincial authorities, the Association of Municipality in Ontario, the Rural Ontario Municipalities Association, the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities, the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation, and all the municipalities in Ontario for their consideration, to make proper changes as quickly and efficiently as possible.

CARRIED

Kind Regards,



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cc: Association of Municipalities in Ontario  
Rural Ontario Municipalities Association  
Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities  
Municipalities Property Assessment Corporation  
All Ontario Municipalities