

# MPAC Will Be in Your Neighbourhood

May 2025

On March 25, 2025, the First Nation Tax Commission approved Washagamis Bay First Nation's property tax law and property assessment law, which were established under the authority of the *First Nations Fiscal Management Act*. A copy of the property assessment law and property taxation law can be found on the First Nations Gazette website at [fng.ca](http://fng.ca).

We have entered into a service agreement with the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) to complete property assessments based on the property assessment law and Ontario's property assessment rules and procedures to support this work.

MPAC is an independent, not-for-profit corporation that assesses nearly 5.7 million properties across Ontario. Their assessors are trained experts who follow professional appraisal standards. To learn more about MPAC, visit [mpac.ca](http://mpac.ca).

## Property Inspections Begin in May

MPAC representatives will be in Washagamis Bay First Nation in May 2025 to complete on-site property inspections. These inspections help ensure assessments are based on the most accurate property information.

- Inspections will take place Monday to Saturday, between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m.
- If your property has a gate, no-trespassing sign, or other access restrictions, MPAC may still conduct an external inspection.

If you have any questions or concerns about your inspection, please contact MPAC at 1-866-296-6722 or email [WashagamisBay@mpac.ca](mailto:WashagamisBay@mpac.ca).

## What Happens Next

Once the assessments are complete, you'll receive a Property Assessment Notice by mail starting in August 2025. This notice will show the assessed value of your property as of January 1, 2016.

We also plan to host an Open House in September 2025, where you'll have the opportunity to speak directly with MPAC representatives about your assessment. More details will be included with your Property Assessment Notice.

## Property Tax Questions

For all other property taxation questions, please contact Kristopher Chartrand, the Lands and Taxation Director for Washagamis Bay First Nation, at [wbfntaxation@outlook.com](mailto:wbfntaxation@outlook.com).

## Stay Informed by Email

We're creating an email list to keep property owners informed about property tax matters. This will complement our existing communication methods, including mail and our website. To join the list, please send your contact information to [wbfntaxation@outlook.com](mailto:wbfntaxation@outlook.com).

