

**BC ASSESSMENT**



# Early Notification Letters

**Note that assessed property values are the responsibility of BC Assessment and the District of Stewart has no input or ability to modify those assessments.**

**We have been advised that some property owners in Stewart may have received *early notification letters from BC Assessment*** due to an upcoming significant increase above or decrease below the average market change for that property class in this jurisdiction, and to owners whose exemption or classification may have changed. The letters are intended to provide advanced notice to property owners that they will see a change in their upcoming assessment, and to warn that their property taxes may change as a result. If you have received this notification, and wish to appeal, you are required to initiate your own individual appeal process with BC Assessment – this is outlined for your information below:

## Appeal Process

**Contact your local BC Assessment office** as most concerns can be resolved through discussion with staff. If you are still not satisfied after discussing your concern, an independent appeal process exists to have your assessment reviewed. The first level of appeal is to the Property Assessment Review Panel (PARP).

PARP panels hear assessment complaints between February 1<sup>st</sup> and March 15<sup>th</sup> of each year. For owners who are not satisfied with a PARP panel decision, a second level of appeal is to the Property Assessment Appeal Board (PAAB).

## About Appeals

### Deadline

*Notice of Complaint (Appeal) Process*

*The deadline to appeal your 2016 Property Assessment is Tuesday, January 31, 2017.*

*Formally appealing a property assessment is referred to as filing a Notice of Complaint. Section 33(2) of the Assessment Act requires that appeals be filed with the assessor no later than January 31.*

For more information, please contact your local assessment office 1-866 valueBC (1-866-825-8322)

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