# Filing a 2020 Request for Reconsideration (RfR): What You Need to Know (Residential Properties)



#### Who is MPAC?

The Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) is an independent, not-for-profit corporation funded by all Ontario municipalities. We are responsible for accurately assessing and classifying more than five million properties in Ontario in compliance with the Assessment Act and regulations established by the Government of Ontario.

#### What is a Request for Reconsideration (RfR)?

If you disagree with MPAC's assessment of your property's value and/or classification as of January 1, 2016, you can ask MPAC to review the assessment to make sure that it is right. This is called a Request for Reconsideration (RfR). You can make this request by completing and sending an RfR form to us. This request is free of charge.

# What is the deadline to file an RfR for the 2020 property tax year?

Your deadline is printed on your Property Assessment Notice. If you have misplaced your Property Assessment Notice, please call us at 1 866 296-6722. One of our customer service representatives can assist you.

# What information does MPAC need to reconsider my property's assessment?

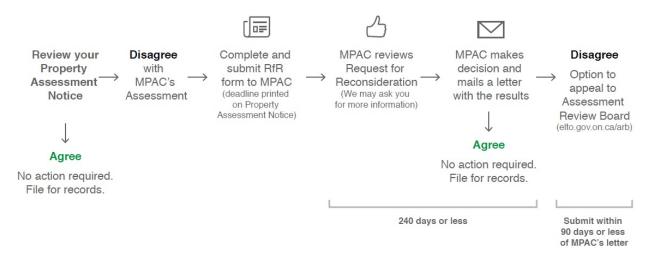
Section 39.1 of the *Assessment Act* requires you to provide the reasons for your Request for Reconsideration. This includes sending us all key details about your property that we should know. We also compare your property's assessed value with sales and values of similar properties in your area.

## How long does it take for MPAC to review my RfR?

MPAC will send you a letter with the results of our review within 180 days (or less) of when we get your request. Sometimes, we need more time (up to 60 more days) to reconsider a property assessment and complete our review. We will contact you if we need more time.

# We also look at these five factors, which account for 85% of your property's value: Location Living area Lot Age of the property Quality of construction

#### The Request for Reconsideration (RfR) Process



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Ready to send your Request for Reconsideration?





Online: aboutmyproperty.ca

**OR** 



mpac.ca/ContactUs



Mail: MPAC, 1340 Pickering Pkwy Suite 101, Pickering ON L1V 0C4

### How do I submit my completed RfR?

The fastest way to start the review of your property's assessment is to send MPAC your completed RfR form through <u>aboutmyproperty.ca</u>. While there are a number of factors that account for the assessment of a property, location is the most important one. As a result, comparing your assessment to similar properties in your area or neighbourhood will help you review your assessment. Log in to <u>aboutmyproperty.ca</u> with the Roll Number and Access Key found on page one of your Property Assessment Notice to compare your property to others in your neighbourhood. You can also use the interactive map to view and save your favourite properties, and download a detailed report to accompany your RfR submission. You may also send us your completed RfR form via <u>mpac.ca/ContactUs</u>, or mail.

#### Need more information?

If you need more information or help completing the RfR form, or have any accessibility needs, please contact us for assistance at 1 866 296-6722 or TTY 1 877 889-6722.

# How does MPAC use the information in my completed RfR?

The information on the RfR form is collected under the authority of the *Assessment Act*. It will be used to reconsider your property's assessment. Please note that if your RfR is about eligibility for the farm property class, managed forest tax incentive program, or the conservation land tax incentive program, your request must be handled by Agricorp, or the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry, in accordance with Ontario Regulation 282/98. When you file your RfR with MPAC, you authorize MPAC to transfer your request to the appropriate agency/ministry for this purpose. Your privacy is protected under the *Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

## Appealing to the Assessment Review Board (ARB)

You may also file an appeal of MPAC's assessment with the ARB. The ARB is an independent tribunal (decision-making body) of the Ontario Ministry of the Attorney General

Please note that if your property, or a portion of it, is classified as residential, farm or managed forests, you must first file an RfR with MPAC before you are eligible to appeal to the ARB.

There is a time limit to submit an appeal to the ARB. It starts on the date that MPAC issues the results of your RfR, and ends after 90 days. The deadline for submitting an appeal to the ARB will be in the letter that MPAC sends you with the results of the RfR review. You can find more information about how to file an appeal, including forms and fees, at <a href="elito.gov.on.ca/arb">elito.gov.on.ca/arb</a>.

## **Request for Reconsideration**

## (For Residential Properties)

## 2020 Tax Year



### **Section 1: About your property**

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Property Address				
Municipality			Date (dd/mm/yyyy)	
Owner 1 (Last Name, First Name)		Owner 2 (Last Name, First Name)		
Company Name (if applicable)		Position/Title (if applicable)		
Home Phone Number	Alternate Phone Num	nber	Email Address	
Mailing Address  hat is your property's value on January 1, op of page 1 of Property Assessment Notice)				
ection 2: Why MPAC should the box below, please tell us why you are asked all relevant facts. Take as much space as you	king MPAC to reconsider you	r property's assessed value.	You must include the basis for your request	

#### Section 3: Your supporting documentation

Please tell us if you are including any documents or photographs with your RfR to support your request.

Photos of this property

Photos of similar properties

Sale information for this property and other similar properties

Assessed value of similar properties

Information supporting property tax exemption under Section 3 of the Assessment Act

Other documents, such as municipal zoning records

# Section 4: Residential property data

Roll Number (see page 1 of your Property Assessment Notice)

For properties with a residential dwelling (not including condominium properties), please provide the following data to confirm the information that we have on file for your property.

#### **Main Structure Details**

Full Storeys	1 Storey	2 Storeys	2 Storeys 3 Storeys		Total Area (sq. ft.)	
Part Storeys	1/4 Storey	1/2 Storey	3/4 Storey		1st Floor (sq. ft.	.)
Design	Back Split	Side Split	Raised Bu	ingalow	2nd Floor (sq. f	t.)
Full Bathrooms	1 2	3 4	Other:		3rd Floor (sq. ft	.)
Half Bathrooms (no tub or shower)	1 2	3 4	Other:		Basement Area	(sq. ft.)
Basement Finished Area	1/4 Finished	½ Fir	nished	¾ Finish	ed Fully Finis	
Basement Finished Type	Recreation Room	Multiple Room Fi			ompletion date of nished basement:	
Basement Walkout	Yes	No				
Primary Heating System						
Fuel Source	Oil	Natural E Gas	lectric f	Propane	Geo- Othe Thermal	r:
Heating Type	Forced Air	Radiant Elec	tric Ho	ot Water C	Gravity Furnace	Heat Pump
	Pipeless Hot Air	Pipeline Hot			lo Central leating	Airtight Stove Other
Central Air Conditioning	Yes	No				
Built-in Fireplaces	1 2	3 4	Other:			
Sauna	Yes	No Len	gth (ft.):	Width (	ft.): Hei	ght (ft.):
Hot Tub/Whirlpool Bath (separate from bathroom)	Yes	No sq.	ft. of Hot Tub	/Whirlpool Ba	th:	
Porches/Decks Please provide details on the size and type of porch(es)/ deck(s) (e.g. 300 sq. ft. and 200 sq. ft. covered porch)	N/A	Uncovered (No Roof)	Covered (Full Ro		losed Enclo (Insu	osed lated)

#### **Site Services**

Water	Municipal	Private Well	Shared Well	Lake/River Other:
Sanitary	Municipal	Septic Bed	Holding Tank	
Hydro Available	Yes	No		
Site Access	Year Round	Seasonal	Private Road	Water No Access Other:
Driveway/Parking	Private	Shared	Rear Lane	Other:

#### Section 4: Residential property data (continued)

Roll Number (see page 1 of your	Property Assessment Notic	e)		
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dditions & Renovations				
ave there been any dditions to your property?	Yes No Addition sq. ft. (Exterior) Additional Storeys	1 Storey 2 Sto	Addition Completion Date $_{ ext{r}}$	
ave there been any nprovements/alterations the property since it as constructed?	Interior  Kitchen Modernization  Bathroom Modernization  Wiring Upgrade  New Heating System  Plumbing Upgrade  Structural Changes  Other:	Completion Year	Exterior  Exterior Cladding  Roof Surface  New Windows  Foundation  Other:	Completion Year
ding permits e you been approved for a buildin es, please provide details and con ding permit details, comments ase list any secondary structures (	npletion date below) and/or secondary structure i	nformation		No operty.
ction 5: Acknowledge				

By submitting this RfR to MPAC, you confirm you are eligible to submit it under the Assessment Act (or, if applicable, that you are authorized to submit the RfR on behalf of your company), and that the contents of this RfR are true to the best of your knowledge and belief.

The personal information that you provide is collected by MPAC under the authority of sections 10, 11, 14, 15, 16 and 16.1 of the Assessment Act. Pursuant to MPAC's statutory obligations, your personal information will be used primarily for property valuation and assessment purposes, but will also be used for municipal and school board planning purposes, preparation of the Preliminary List of Electors which is used by municipalities and school boards to create the final Voters' Lists used for election purposes, preparation of jury lists and population reports. In addition, MPAC may use your information to obtain feedback, conduct surveys and enhance the aforementioned program delivery. If you have questions regarding this collection, please contact an MPAC Customer Service Representative at 1 866 296-6722 or by TTY at 1 877 889-6722 or by mail to MPAC. 1340 Pickering Parkway. Suite 101. Pickering ON L1V 0C4.

MPAC takes privacy very seriously and we are committed to the protection of your personal information under the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. MPAC will only access, use and disclose your personal information with your consent or where it is permitted or required by law.

#### **Section 6: Representative information**

If you would like someone else to act for you while we review your Request for Reconsideration, please complete this section and provide a Letter of Authorization for that person. You may also use the Representative Authorization Form. It is available at mpac.ca or by calling us at 1 866 296-6722.

Please note that the Law Society Act specifies who can act as a representative for a property owner. Persons approved by the Law Society of Ontario to practice law or provide legal services in Ontario do not require Letters of Authorization.

Representative Name (Last Name, First Name)	LSO Licence Number	Telephone