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PROPERTY ASSESSMENT REVIEW PANEL COMES TO QUESNEL

QUESNEL – If you're a property owner in Quesnel and you want to appeal your 2011 property assessment, you're in luck. A Property Assessment Review Panel will now be conducting hearings right here in your home town, said Stephanie Cadieux, Minister of Community, Sport and Cultural Development.

“The Province makes every effort to ensure the complaint and appeal process for property owners is convenient and accessible,” said Cadieux. “Holding hearings in Quesnel means local property owners who file a property assessment complaint will no longer have to travel long distances in the winter months to appear before a review panel.”

Property Assessment Review Panels provide the public with a first level of appeal for property assessments. Approximately 70 Property Assessment Review Panels conduct complaint hearings throughout the province between Feb. 1 and March 15 each year. Property assessment complaints must be filed by Jan. 31.

Based on a review of the number of complaints typically filed in the Quesnel area, the Province decided to move one of two Williams Lake panels to Quesnel for the 2011 hearings. Previously, Quesnel residents needed to travel to Williams Lake if they wanted to appear before a review panel in person.

Although the goal is to conduct hearings in the communities in which properties are located, this is not always possible, particularly in rural areas or locations where few complaints are filed.

Responsibility for the administration of the Property Assessment Review Panels rests with the Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development. For more information about Property Assessment Review Panels, go to: <http://www.cscd.gov.bc.ca/parp/>

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