

Instructions for completing the 2011 Statistical Information Return (SIR)

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Government of Alberta ■

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Authority

Ministerial Order No.L:084/12 requires each municipality to submit a Statistical Information Return to Alberta Municipal Affairs by **July 3, 2012**. The return must be signed by the Chief Administrative Officer or a Duly Authorized Signing Officer certifying that the information contained in the return is presented fairly.

What's New?

2011 Statistical Information Return

For this year's Statistical Information Return, the following information will be requested:

- Line 5660 Number of development permit applications received**
- Line 5670 Number of subdivision applications received**
- Line 5680 Number of land use bylaw amendment applications**
- Line 5690 Number of Subdivision Appeal Board appeals heard**

Line 5650 Number of Assessment Complaints Heard by the Assessment Review Boards will require a **breakdown** as follows:

- Line 5620 - Number of Assessment Complaints Heard by the Local Assessment Review Board**
- Line 5640 - Number of Assessment Complaints Heard by the Composite Assessment Review Board**

Line 5652 Number of Residential Assessment Complaints and **Line 5653 Number of Farm Property Assessment Complaints** will be **combined** as follows:

- Line 5651- Number of Residential and Farm Land Assessment Complaints Filed**

2012 Statistical Information Return

For the 2012 year, the following changes will be made to the Statistical Information Return:

Assessment Complaints to the Local Assessment Review Board (LARB)

- New Line - Number of residential or farm land complaints filed**
- New Line - Number of residential or farm land complaints withdrawn**
- New Line - Number of residential or farm land complaints heard by the LARB**
- New Line - Number of assessment adjustments made by the LARB**
- New Line - Number of assessment adjustments (Section 305) made by the assessor**
- New Line - Number of complaints filed about a tax notice – other than a property tax notice**

Assessment Complaints to the Composite Assessment Review Board (CARB)

- New Line - Number of non-residential complaints filed**
- New Line - Number of non-residential complaints withdrawn**
- New Line - Number of non-residential complaints heard by the CARB**
- New Line - Number of assessment adjustments made by the CARB**
- New Line - Number of assessment adjustments (Section 305) made by the assessor**

Lines to be removed

- Line 5655 - Number of Machinery and Equipment Assessment Complaints**
- Line 5656 - Number of Other Assessment Complaints**
- Line 5657 - Total Number of Assessment Adjustments**

2011 General Statistics. Values up to two decimal places may be reported for lines 5510, 5520, 5560, 5570 and 5580.

Line 5500 Total Full-time Positions

Full-time staff consists of individuals working 29 hours or more per week. If staff levels have been relatively stable, the year-end employee count may be used. If there have been significant changes in staff levels, a weighted average for the number of individuals should be used. For example, if there were 12 staff for four months of the year and nine staff for eight months of the year, the total position count would be 10 calculated as follows $[(12 \times 4/12) + (9 \times 8/12)]$.

Individuals under contracts of employment should be included in the position count. Payments for services that are not subject to an employer-employee relationship (e.g., consulting services) are excluded.

Seasonal or casual labour would normally be excluded from the position count. The municipality count must be at least one (1) because every municipality must have a chief administrative officer regardless of how the payment for services is structured.

Line 5510 Total Area of the Municipality in Hectares

Line 5515 Number of Hamlets (only for Specialized Municipalities and Municipal Districts)

Hamlets must meet the criteria under section 59 of the Municipal Government Act (MGA).

Line 5520 Length of All Open Roads Maintained in Kilometres

This field refers only to the length of all open and maintained roads under the direction, control and management of the municipality, regardless of the number of lanes. Road means land that is shown as a road on a plan of survey that has been filed or registered in a land titles office, or is used as a public road. Roads would include a bridge forming part of a public road. Road allowances that are not open are excluded for this purpose.

Line 5555 Length of Water Mains in Kilometres – Municipality Owned Systems

This field refers to the length of water mains that are located within the municipal boundaries, are servicing the needs of the municipality, and are connected to systems and facilities relating to water treatment/distribution/storage/pumping, which are owned and operated by the municipality.

Line 5556 Length of Water Mains in Kilometres – Service Providers

This field refers to the length of water mains that are located within the municipal boundaries, are servicing the needs of the municipality, and are connected to systems and facilities relating to water treatment/distribution/storage/pumping, which are owned and operated by service providers.

Line 5557 Length of Water Mains in Kilometres – Co-ops

This field refers to the length of water mains that are located within the municipal boundaries, are servicing the needs of the municipality, and are connected to systems and facilities relating to water treatment/distribution/storage/pumping, which are owned and operated by co-ops.

Line 5558 Length of Water Mains in Kilometres – Regional Systems

This field refers to the length of water mains that are located within the municipal boundaries, are servicing the needs of the municipality, and are connected to systems and facilities relating to water treatment/distribution/storage/pumping, which are owned and operated by regional service organizations.

Line 5559 Length of Water Mains in Kilometres – Other

This field refers to the length of water mains that are located within the municipal boundaries, are servicing the needs of the municipality, and are connected to systems and facilities relating to water treatment/distribution/storage/pumping, other than those owned and operated by the municipality, service providers, co-ops, and regional service organizations.

Line 5565 Length of Wastewater Mains in Kilometres-Municipality Owned Systems

This field refers to the length of wastewater mains that are located within the municipal boundaries, are servicing the needs of the municipality, and are connected to systems and facilities relating to sewage collection, wastewater pumping, wastewater treatment, and outfall sewer, which are owned and operated by the municipality.

Line 5566 Length of Wastewater Mains in Kilometres-Service Provider

This field refers to the length of wastewater mains that are located within the municipal boundaries, are servicing the needs of the municipality, and are connected to systems and facilities relating to sewage collection, wastewater pumping, wastewater treatment, and outfall sewer, which are owned and operated by service providers.

Line 5567 Length of Wastewater Mains in Kilometres-Co-ops

This field refers to the length of wastewater mains that are located within the municipal boundaries, are servicing the needs of the municipality, and are connected to systems and facilities relating to sewage collection, wastewater pumping, wastewater treatment, and outfall sewer, which are owned and operated by co-ops.

Line 5568 Length of Wastewater Mains in Kilometres-Regional Systems

This field refers to the length of wastewater mains that are located within the municipal boundaries, are servicing the needs of the municipality, and are connected to systems and facilities relating to sewage collection, wastewater pumping, wastewater treatment, and outfall sewer, which are owned and operated by regional service organizations.

Line 5569 Length of Wastewater Mains in Kilometres-Other

This field refers to the length of wastewater mains that are located within the municipal boundaries, are servicing the needs of the municipality, and are connected to systems and facilities relating to sewage collection, wastewater pumping, wastewater treatment and outfall sewer, which are owned and operated by other than those owned and operated by the municipality, service providers, co-ops, and regional service organizations.

Line 5580 Length of Storm Drainage Mains in Kilometres

This field refers to the length of storm drainage mains that are located in the municipality and operated by or on behalf of the municipality and servicing its needs.

Line 5590 Number of Residences (for Summer Villages only)

This field applies only to summer villages, and it means ***the number of parcels with residences***. Residence means any building or part of it designed, intended or used for residential occupancy by one family. For the purpose of this definition, a mobile unit is considered to be a building. Do not include buildings or parts of buildings used other than for residential purposes.

Line 5595 Number of Dwelling Units

This field refers to the total of all dwellings, whether occupied, vacant or under construction, that are intended to accommodate ***permanent residents*** of the municipality.

Line 5596 Total Assessment Services Costs

This field refers to the total costs associated with preparing and assigning assessed values of all properties within the municipality including the delivery of the assessment roll to the administration. Assessment services costs include contracted services, in-house assessment department costs such as computer support, software development and overhead costs, preparation of equalization and audit reports, and all costs associated with defending assessed values.

Line 5620 Number of Assessment Complaints Heard by the Local Assessment Review Board

This field refers to the number of accounts for which an assessment complaint has been heard by the Local Assessment Review Board. If an account has more than one assessment class, this should be counted as one account.

Line 5640 Number of Assessment Complaints Heard by the Composite Assessment Review Board

This field refers to the number of accounts for which an assessment complaint has been heard by the Composite Assessment Review Board. If an account has more than one assessment class, this should be counted as one account.

Line 5650 Total Number of Assessment Complaints Heard by the Assessment Review Boards

This field refers to the total number of accounts for which an assessment complaint has been heard by both the Composite and Local Assessment Review Boards. If an account has more than one assessment class, this should be counted as one account.

Line 5651 Number of Residential and Farm Land Assessment Complaints Filed

This field refers to the number of accounts for which assessment complaints have been filed where the property has been classified for assessment purposes as either residential or farm land under section 297 of the MGA.

Line 5654 Number of Non-residential Assessment Complaints

This field refers to the number of accounts for which assessment complaints have been filed where the property has been classified for assessment purposes as non-residential under section 297 of the MGA.

- Line 5655 **Number of Machinery and Equipment Assessment Complaints**
- This field refers to the number of accounts for which assessment complaints have been filed where the property has been classified for assessment purposes as machinery and equipment under section 297 of the MGA.
- Line 5656 **Number of Other Assessment Complaints**
- This field refers to the number of accounts for which assessment complaints have been filed where the property has more than one assessment class for assessment purposes as defined under section 297 of the MGA, or one of the above does not apply.
- Line 5657 **Total Number of Assessment Adjustments**
- This field refers to the total number of accounts for which adjustments have been made to the assessment roll under section 305 of the MGA. If an account has more than one assessment class, this should be counted as one account.
- Line 5660 **Number of development permit applications received**
- This field relates to the total number of applications received by a development officer under the municipality's land use bylaw regardless of whether a decision has been made.
- Line 5670 **Number of subdivision applications received**
- This field refers to the number of applications to subdivide land in the municipality whether received by the municipality's own staff or a planning authority acting on its behalf regardless of whether a decision has been made.
- Line 5680 **Number of land use bylaw amendment applications**
- This field refers to the total number of applications to amend the land use bylaw considered by council regardless of whether the applications were approved, refused or yet to be decided.
- Line 5690 **Number of Subdivision Appeal Board appeals heard**
- This field refers to the number of appeals heard by the municipal Subdivision Appeal Board regardless of whether a decision was made.

2012 Tax Rates (Schedule MR) are the tax rates according to the 2012 property tax bylaw. Tax rates must be reported in mills to a maximum of four decimal places.

Attach a copy of the 2012 property tax bylaw to the Statistical Information Return.

Example: Residential/ Non-residential
Farm land

5800	5.8164	15.3656
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Line 5800 Municipal

This field includes the municipal tax rate, which includes any rates established for ambulance, recreation, fire district, planning or other municipal purposes.

Municipalities that

- a) have divided the residential property assessment into sub-classes and established a different municipal tax rate for a sub-class, or
 - b) have established a different municipal tax rate for farm land
- should record the residential tax rate applicable to the largest portion of the total residential assessment. Also, please check off the box shown below the table.

If the non-residential assessment category is divided into a vacant and an improved sub-class and separate tax rates established, record the tax rate for the improved sub-class only.

Line 5810 Education – Alberta School Foundation Fund (ASFF)

This field includes tax rates established to raise the ASFF requisition. Please show residential/farm land and non-residential tax rates.

Line 5811 Education - Opted Out

This field should include the tax rates established to raise the education tax requisition for any separate school board that has opted out of the ASFF. Please show residential/farm land and non-residential tax rates.

Line 5820 Allowance For Non-collection of Requisition Taxes

This field should include any tax rates established to raise an allowance for non-collection of property taxes levied under section 359(2) of the MGA.

Line 5830 Seniors Lodge Accommodation

This field should include any tax rate established to collect funds for requisition amounts related to seniors lodge accommodation provided pursuant to section 7 of the Alberta Housing Act. If more than one facility exists, provide an average tax rate.