SECTION \square 357 / \square 358 / \square 359 APPLICATION
TO THE COUNCIL OR THE ASSESSMENT REVIEW BOARD

Application/Appeal #:
Taxation Year:

Municipality:				Roll Number:									
Property A	Address:	Applicant Name:											
Owner Na	me:			Contact Number:									
Mailing Ad	ddress:	Alternative Number:											
Email Address:													
Reason for s357 application: (Check one box – applicable to s357 only) Ceases to be liable for tax at rate it was taxed – 357(1)(a) Became vacant or excess land – 357(1)(b) Sickness or extreme poverty – 357(1)(d.1) Razed by fire, demolition or otherwise – 357(1)(d)(i) Mobile unit removed – 357(1)(e) Damaged and substantially unusable – 357(1)(d)(ii) Gross or manifest clerical/factual error – 357(1)(f) Repairs/Reno's preventing normal use (min. 3 months) – 357(1)(g)													
Details of Reason for s357, s358 or s359 application:													
Effective from:/ / to/ Applicant Signature: Date:// (MM/DD/YY)													
ASSESSMENT REPORT: MUNICIPALITY TREASURER'S RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL													
Assessment Roll As Returned Revised Since Roll Return Enter Revisions Below				Assessment Report School Bd: Eng Fr Other No Change in Assessment S357 Required for Next Year									
RTC/RTQ 2005 Base-year CVA		2008 Base-year CVA	Current Phased Assessment	Revised RTC/RTQ	Revised 200 Base-year CVA		ised 2008 ise-year CVA	Revised Current Phased Assessment		Change to Current Phased Assessment			
Revised:	nal Assessment F	Reason for Change:											
		N TAX LIABILITY							ı				
RTC/RTQ	Taxable Ass	essment Reduction Tax		x Rate Days / Mont		onths	hs Tax Adjustment		Original Levy				
Recommended : No Adjustment													
Treasury Position:													
COUNCIL OR ASSESSMENT REVIEW BOARD DECISION: Hearing Date (MM/DD/YY): / / / /													
Approved Amended & Approved Not Approved Applicant Did Not Appear Application Abandoned Reason:													
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Appeared f	ror Applicant: _			Appeai	rea tor Munic	ipality:							
Signature of Council/ARB Member: Name/Title:													

As outlined in the <u>Municipal Act, 2001</u>, the jurisdiction to make decisions on applications for tax refunds or tax increases rests solely with municipal council.

Sections <u>357</u> and <u>358</u> of the <u>Municipal Act, 2001</u> provide municipalities with the authority to cancel, reduce or refund taxes based on specific criteria. Only the property owner, the spouse of the owner, tenant, occupant or other person(s) in possession of the land may file an application for a property tax adjustment with the

treasurer of the municipality.

Section 357 states:

- "Upon application to the treasurer of a local municipality made in accordance with this section, the local municipality may cancel, reduce or refund all or part of taxes levied on land in the year in respect of which the application is made if."
- a "change event" as noted in <u>subsection 34 (2.2)</u> of the <u>Assessment Act</u> causes the property or a portion of the property to be reclassified in a different class of real property that has a lower tax ratio for the taxation year than the class the property or portion of the property is in before the change event;
- land has become vacant or excess land during the year or during the preceding year after the return of the assessment roll for the preceding year;
- land has become exempt from taxation during the year or during the preceding year after the return of the assessment roll for the preceding year;
- a building was demolished or razed by fire during the year or during the preceding year after the return of the assessment roll;
- a building was damaged to render it substantially unusable during the year or during the preceding year after the return of the assessment roll;
- a mobile unit was removed during the year or during the preceding year after the return of the assessment roll for the preceding year;
- a property owner was overcharged due to a gross or manifest error that was clerical or factual in nature but not an error in judgment;
- repairs or renovations that prevented the normal use of the land for a period of at least three (3) months during the year.

The application must be filed before February 28 of the year following the property tax year for which the application is made. For example, if a garage was demolished in September 2019, the application to

adjust taxes must be filed before February 28, 2020.

Process

- A property owner files an application under section 357 or section 358 with their municipality or the municipal treasurer files an application under section 359.
- The municipality forwards the application to MPAC for its review of the factual information. If required, MPAC will conduct an inspection of the property.
- The results of the review are recorded and MPAC's response and the municipal tax application are then returned to the municipality for council's decision regarding any tax adjustments. MPAC will also be available to provide information as witnesses to hearings or appeals of tax adjustment applications before the municipal council or the Assessment Review Board.