

# Village of Hines Creek Council

## Request for Decision (RFD)

Meeting:	Regular Council Meeting
Meeting Date:	November 27, 2019
Originated By:	Leanne Walmsley, Chief Administrative Officer
Title:	New Business – Property Assessment – Data sharing request from Statistics Canada
File:	0202

### BACKGROUND/PROPOSAL:

As Canada's national statistical agency, Statistics Canada produces statistics that help Canadians better understand their country and its economy. The Statistics Act further mandates Statistics Canada to promote and develop integrated social and economic statistics pertaining to the whole of Canada, and to each of its provinces and territories. To achieve this in the most effective and efficient manner, they are constantly exploring the best ways to leverage existing data rather than initiate new collections.

It is in this context that they are submitting this request to obtain property assessment roll data from Alberta municipalities, as input to the Canadian Housing Statistics Program (CHSP). In order ensure program efficiency and to limit the burden on municipalities, they have contacted Alberta Municipal Affairs who could, with our consent, effectively share the data available in the ASSET database.

Launched in April 2017, the aim of this project is to provide statistics on residential properties and property owners for all municipalities in Canada. The database is being developed by combining information from multiple sources; property assessment rolls, land titles files, Census of Population, etc. To date, the CHSP has published data for the provinces of Ontario, British Columbia and Nova Scotia and is at advanced stages of development for New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, Manitoba and Yukon. This has been achieved through the cooperation of the respective property assessment and land registry data owners.

They recognize that our organization, like Statistic Canada, has a responsibility to protect the confidentiality of its information. Subsection 17(1) of the Statistics Act requires Statistics Canada to maintain the confidentiality of the collected administrative data: Statistics Canada is prohibited by law from releasing any information it collects which could identify any person, business, or organization, unless consent has been given by the respondent or as permitted elsewhere by the Statistics Act.

If we consent to the release of the property assessment roll data held by Alberta Municipal Affairs in the ASSET database to Statistics Canada, please complete the

enclosed form and return it to Statistics Canada by December 6, 2019, by mail, email or fax.

DISCUSSION/OPTIONS/BENEFITS/DISADVANTAGES

The cooperation of data provides such as yourself enables Statistics Canada to fulfil its mandate of providing insights into the Canadian society and economy, cost effectively and with minimum response burden. They look forward to collaborating with us and our organization to deliver housing information which will serve constituents and decision makers in Alberta, as well as the Canadian public at large.

Attached: Statistics Canada Message  
: Data Sharing Form – Alberta Municipalities

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

That Council consent to the release of the property assessment data (ASSET database) for the municipality of Hines Creek and/or receive the Property assessment – Request for Data sharing from Statistics Canada.

Initials show support- Reviewed by:	Manager:	C.A.O. <i>AW</i>
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# STATISTICS CANADA PROTECTS YOUR PRIVACY

## BALANCING SOCIETAL NEEDS FOR DATA INSIGHTS AND THE PROTECTION OF YOUR PRIVACY



### MODERN STATISTICAL NEEDS

Collecting data for statistics is more than a century old and keeps evolving. In our Digital Age, your information needs are growing, and new data sources offer new possibilities for information.



### COLLABORATION

Statistics Canada is working with experts from businesses and academia from around the world as well as the Office of the Privacy Commissioner to develop new statistical methods based on necessity and proportionality.



### NECESSITY

Statistics Canada is mandated to produce data for Canada — data that is essential for governments, municipalities, businesses small and large, and individuals like you. The agency measures our society, economy, and environment.

### PROPORTIONALITY

When we plan surveys, our experts work to balance the volume and sources of data with the need to reduce the response burden on you, all while maintaining protection of your privacy.



### A NEW FRAMEWORK

The new framework expands on these principles, which have always guided Statistics Canada. It assesses proportionality and data sensitivity, and ensures statistical values, such as the protection of privacy and confidentiality.



Statistics Canada Trust Centre  
<https://www.statcan.gc.ca/eng/trust>

Canada

### Transparency and accountability

Statistics Canada is committed to openness and transparency. The *Statistics Act* makes provisions for transparent and accountable decisions on statistical matters.

We know your information is important to you and it's important to us that we look after it. Access to trusted statistical information supports evidence-based decision-making in both the public and private sectors. This is why we are dedicated to making quality information available to Canadians and policy-makers.

### Why your privacy is our top concern

April 16, 2019

A message from the Chief Statistician of Canada

We know your information is important to you and we are committed to protecting it. Statistics Canada's Trust Centre outlines how we accomplish this.

### Why your privacy is our top concern

For more than 100 years, Statistics Canada has collected, analyzed and reported the data you provide us, so that — together — we can better understand ourselves and our country. The data we collect tell us where we've been as a nation, and where we're headed.

### Keeping your data safe

Trust has always been the foundation of how Statistics Canada operates. Without trust, we are unable to do our job. We know that Canadians are increasingly worried about their privacy in a digital world. It is our responsibility to keep your data safe and we take this work seriously.

### Protecting your privacy

The *Privacy Act* and the *Statistics Act* guide our actions by law. All personal information we collect is strictly protected. All information is anonymized; it's never possible to connect data that is made public to you or to your household.

### Modernizing the way we work

Like many national statistical organizations around the world, Statistics Canada is modernizing the way it works. We must find new ways to understand our country in an increasingly digital and complex world. We must continue to provide accurate and timely economic and social data, and insights to enable sound policy decisions.

As we chart new paths and methods of collecting data, I want to underline that respecting and protecting the rightful privacy of Canadians sit at the heart of everything we do. It is in this spirit that we invite you to explore our Trust Centre.

We're keen to show you how we work to protect your privacy every day. We are here to answer your questions and if we're missing something, we want to hear from you.

Throughout the history of our organization, we have enjoyed the trust of Canadians. I can assure you, we will do everything possible to maintain that trust for years to come.

Anil Arora  
Chief Statistician of Canada

### What are the laws surrounding data privacy?

Statistics Canada takes the confidentiality and privacy of Canadians very seriously. All information provided is kept confidential and used only for statistical purposes.

#### Protected by law

Your data is protected by law, including the:

- *Statistics Act*
- *Privacy Act*
- *Access to Information Act*

### Statistics Canada's Privacy Framework

Statistics Canada's privacy framework is a collection of approved practices, procedures and governance related to privacy. By consolidating all these elements of privacy protection into a single document, the full scope of privacy controls within the operations of Statistics Canada is evident.

### Statistics Canada's Privacy Principles

#### Principles of privacy

Statistics Canada adheres to 10 privacy principles when collecting information. We have completed Privacy Impact Assessments (PIA) to evaluate privacy, confidentiality or security risks associated with the collection, use or disclosure of personal information, and to develop measures intended to reduce and eliminate identified risks. The Statistics Canada Generic PIA addresses the majority of its statistical programs, including the Canadian Housing Statistics Program.

### Is my information safe and private?

#### Keeping your information private, safe and confidential

Statistics Canada takes further measures to keep your information safe and private, such as:

- By law, Statistics Canada cannot hand over anyone's personal information – not to the police, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP), Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) or even the courts.
- Final results are carefully screened before release to prevent published statistics from being used to derive information.
- The *Statistics Act* contains very strict confidentiality provisions that protect collected information from unauthorized access:
  - Statistics Canada uses state-of-the-art tools, software and processes that prevent disclosure and ensure the confidentiality and privacy of individual data.
  - Statistics Canada doesn't share your personal information with other organizations, unless your consent is given.
  - Our employees are responsible for ensuring the security of confidential information.

#### What you need to know:

- Statistics Canada knows your information is important to you. We have rigorous processes in place to keep it private, safe and confidential.
- Your data is protected by laws and other relevant federal policies designed to safeguard your privacy.
- The *Statistics Act* contains very strict confidentiality provisions that protect collected information from unauthorized access.
- Statistics Canada ensures the confidentiality and privacy of your data; it's the law.
- We deploy state-of-the-art tools, software and processes that prevent disclosure and ensure the confidentiality and privacy of individual data.
- We are committed to keeping your information safe.

## Quick Links

Electronic version available upon request  CHSP-PSLC@canada.ca

#### Privacy

**Statistics Canada's Trust Centre**  
<https://www.statcan.gc.ca/eng/trust>

**Statistics Canada's privacy framework**  
<https://www.statcan.gc.ca/eng/reference/privacy/framework>

**Privacy Compliance Analysis**  
<https://www.statcan.gc.ca/eng/about/pia/generic/section5>

**Privacy Impact Assessments**  
<https://www.statcan.gc.ca/eng/about/pia/pia>

**How we protect the privacy and confidentiality of your personal information**  
<https://www.statcan.gc.ca/eng/our-data/privacy-confidentiality>

#### Laws, Acts and Regulations

**Statistics Act**  
<https://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/S-19>

**Accountability under the Statistics Act**  
<https://www.statcan.gc.ca/eng/about/accountability>

**Privacy Act**  
<https://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/P-21>

**Access to Information Act**  
<https://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/A-1>

**Transparency and Accountability**  
<https://www.statcan.gc.ca/eng/transparency-accountability>

**Directive on Microdata Linkage**  
<https://www.statcan.gc.ca/eng/record/policy4-1>

#### Administrative data

**FAQs on Administrative Data**  
<https://www.statcan.gc.ca/eng/our-data/faq#a1>

**Using new and existing data for official statistics**  
<https://www.statcan.gc.ca/eng/our-data>

**Administrative data: Why it matters to you**  
<https://www.statcan.gc.ca/eng/our-data/infosheet>

**How we meet your information needs**  
<https://www.statcan.gc.ca/eng/trust/address>

**Administrative data sources in the production of official statistics – Construction**  
<https://www.statcan.gc.ca/eng/our-data/data-sources/construction>

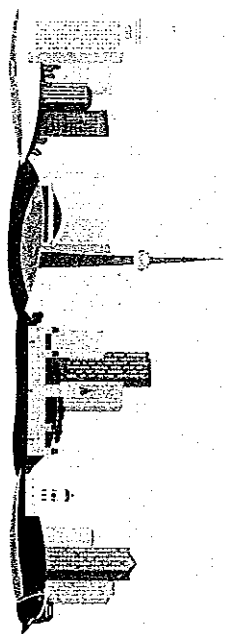
# The Canadian Housing Statistics Program

Statistics Canada's Canadian Housing Statistics Program (CHSP) provides Canadians with wide-ranging housing statistics that includes information on residential properties and their owners.

Learn more about the program and the data it provides.

The program's aggregated data can be used to:

The program also provides the following information:



Canada Revenue Agency

Provincial Health Agencies

Provincial Housing Agencies

Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation

Financing & Credit

Immigration, Refugee and Citizenship Canada

External Government

Future characteristics:

- Income
- Marital status
- Family composition
- Citizenship
- Neighborhood details
- Rental, social housing
- Adjusted assessment values

Property characteristics:

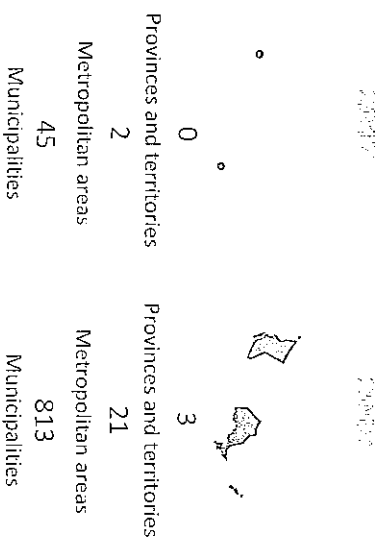
- Property type
- Assessment value
- Property use
- Period of construction
- Living area
- Number of owners

Owner characteristics:

- Residency status
- Ownership type
- Age
- Sex
- NALCS sectors
- Legal type
- Immigrant status
- Multiple-property owners

## PROGRAMS AND TERRITORIES

- Property use**  
Are properties lived in by the owner or rented out?
- Real estate holdings**  
How many properties do people own?
- Demographics**  
Who owns property?
- Citizenship and residency**  
Where are owners from and where do they live now?
- Financing**  
How much is an average mortgage payment?



Analytical papers

Readers can access in-depth information on the latest housing data released by the Agency through the *Housing Statistics in Canada* series.

Data tables

Data users can consult detailed tabulations from the program on the Statistics Canada website.

Maps and visualizations

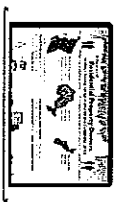
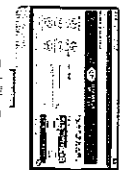
Users can easily compare the share of non-resident ownership on a map.

Infographics

Users can consult visual representations of analytical highlights

Research Data Centre (RDC)

Academic and government researchers can access CHSP microdata in the RDCs.



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## Data Sharing Form – Alberta Municipalities

I consent to the release of the property assessment data (ASSET database), for the city/municipality of \_\_\_\_\_, by **Alberta Municipal Affairs**. This data will be acquired and protected by Statistics Canada, under authority of the *Statistics Act*.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Authorized Representative

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Name: (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return this form in the provided envelope to Statistics Canada by December 6, 2019:**

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