

Activities:

MACA will designate all charter communities, hamlets, Tlicho communities as Municipal Taxation Authorities.

What does MACA have to do to make this happen?

- Develop an interim step to full Municipal Taxation Authority status, through the Property Taxation Revenue Grant Program. The program provides a grant equal to the property tax revenue collected in communities
- Develop the policy framework and administrative options for most non-tax-based communities to assume property taxation status
- Develop and deliver training programs for community governments on the administrative responsibilities associated with property taxation
- Provide training to community government councils on their roles and responsibilities for property taxation

What will change?

- Community governments will have the authority to make decisions on the amount of money that is raised through property taxation by setting the mill rate
- Community governments will get the revenue associated with property taxes from community residents, rather than the GNWT
- Community governments will make decisions on how the revenues received from property taxation are spent

How will this benefit communities?

- Community governments will have control over the amount of revenue that is collected through property taxation
- Communities can decide to raise property taxes for programs and services that are important to the community but are outside the community's present fiscal reality
- Community residents will see the benefit of the property tax dollars in their community

When will this happen?

- On January 1, 2008, all charter communities, hamlets and Tlicho communities will become Municipal Taxation Authorities.