

Dear Mayor & Council

RE:

First some background:

- in 2014 we bought this 1/2 duplex () as a rental property
- the property was built in 2004
- recently we listed it for sale, got an offer, sold it effective July 3
- as part of the listing process our realtor printed & showed us the Property Summary Report
- this report shows that the property has a garage. It DOES NOT.
- When I went into the tax office I spoke to an assessor (Tom) who confirmed there is no garage and never has been. Apparently, he corrected the record.

When I asked the logical questions:

1. how much have we overpaid?
2. how can you make this right?

The answers were what you might expect:

- we can't do anything
- the onus is on the owner to request this public document and appeal any incorrect assessment during the tiny (my word) appeal window each year

My responses were what you might expect:

- we didn't know this report existed & had no reason to suspect the County would make such a huge mistake
- I suspect 9.5 out of 10 people don't know this report exists or have ever checked it for accuracy
- the County has illegally/incorrectly charged someone too much tax for FOURTEEN YEARS
- this is fundamentally wrong and must be rectified

Apparently, the property value has dropped by \$10,000 and tax impact is about \$85 /year.

So, long story short....we appeal to Council for a refund of \$340 plus interest for 4 years of over-payment of taxes.

We fully expect Strathcona County to make this right.....at least for the past 4 years.

A scanned copy of the report is attached.

Thank you,

Roy & Hazel Anaka