

It's Better to Work Together

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Agenda

- PVSC – Who We Are
- Our Strategic Direction
- Municipal Partnerships and Expanded Services:
 - Integrated Property Services Council
 - Single Address Initiative
 - eDelivery
 - Permit Data eXchange
 - Open Data
- Moving Forward Together

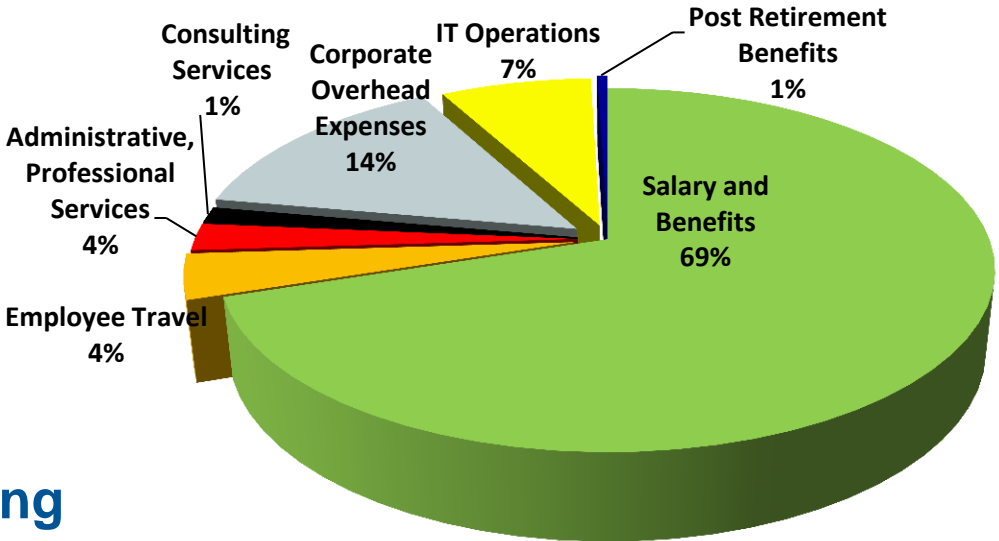
Property Valuation Services Corporation

- Municipally funded, independent, not-for-profit organization that provides assessment services for 54 municipalities in Nova Scotia
- Governed by a Board of Directors
- Provides annual assessment rolls to municipalities
- 140 employees in 7 regional offices
- ~ 600,000 assessment accounts
- Budget: \$17.1 Million → 5th year with no increase

PVSC Governance

- Chair, Jimmy MacAlpine, Deputy Warden, District of Digby
- Vice-Chair, Russell Walker, Councillor, HRM
- Robert Bird, Councillor, Town of Amherst
- Brian Cullen, CAO, County of Pictou
- Mike Dolter, CAO, Town of Truro
- Greg Keefe, Independent
- Betty MacDonald, Executive Director, UNSM
- Michele McKenzie, Independent
- Alex Morrison, Councillor, County of Annapolis
- Doug Sabeau, Independent
- Kevin Saccary, Deputy Mayor, CBRM
- Raymond Tynes, Councillor, Town of Truro
- Amanda Whitewood, CFO, Halifax

PVSC Financial Status



Municipal Funding

2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16
\$16,443,000	\$16,983,000	\$17,100,152	\$17,100,063	\$17,090,000	\$17,090,000	\$17,090,000

Strategic Direction

Vision: To be a world class leader of market valuation and integrated property services, recognized for excellence – in our people, products and our business.



Working Together

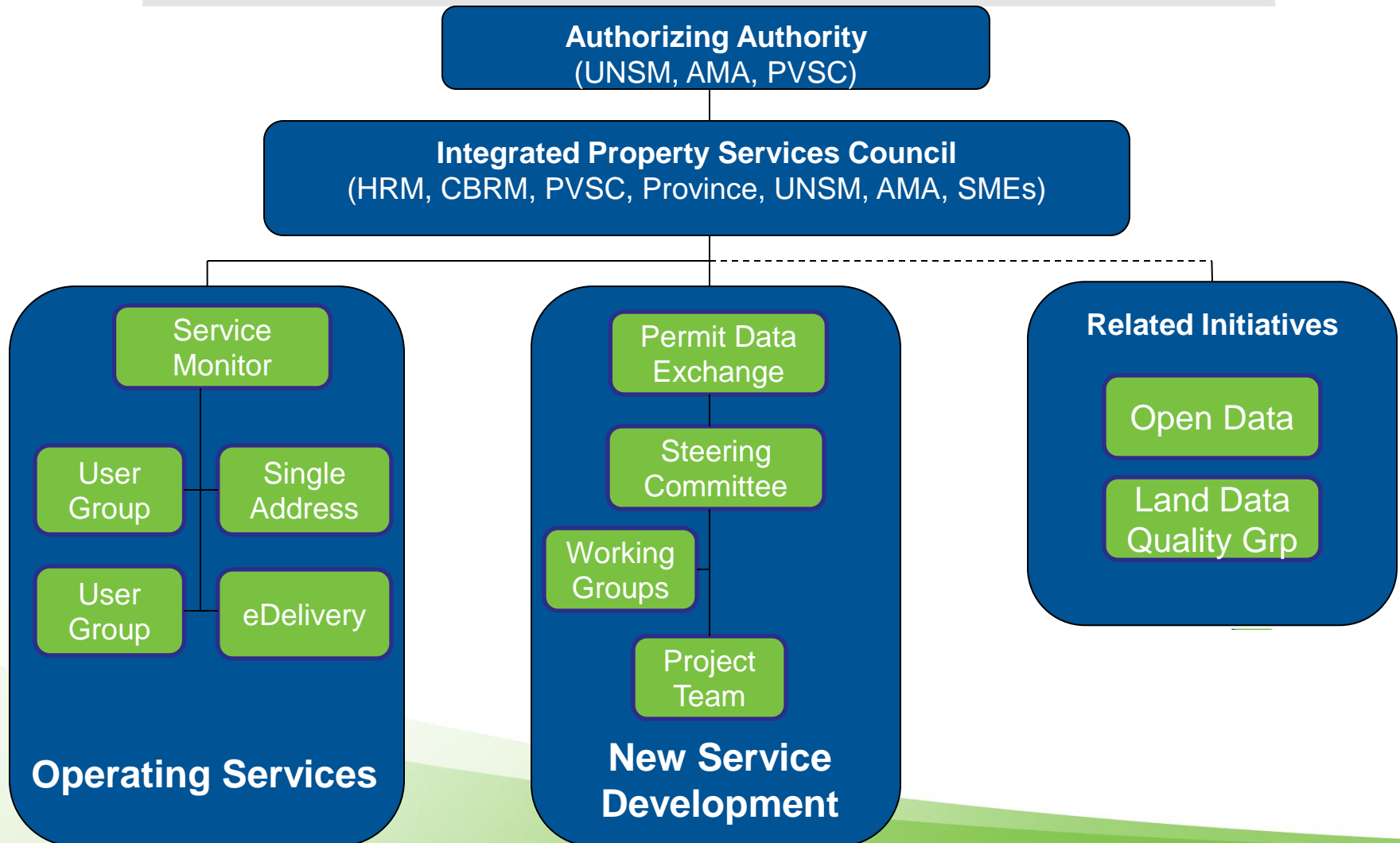
Integrated Property Services Council

- Responsible for overseeing the operation of *existing* shared services and supporting the development of *new* services

Members:

- Bob McNeil, Interim Chair
- Louis Coutinho, Town of Windsor
- Jerry Blackwood, Halifax
- Betty MacDonald, UNSM
- Chris McNeil, Department of Municipal Affairs
- Connie Nolan, District of East Hants
- Cathie O'Toole, Halifax Regional Water Commission
- Marie Walsh, Cape Breton Regional Municipality
- Meredith Buchanan, Kathy Gillis, Bill Levangie, Trudy LeBlanc (PVSC)

Integrated Property Services Council (IPSC) Governance Model



Working Together – Success Stories

Single Address Initiative

- mailing address repository and associated tools to manage the mailing addresses of property interest holders
- 29 participating municipalities and >80% of property addresses

eDelivery

- Provides municipalities and the PVSC with a *safe and secure* method of delivering high volume correspondence electronically (via epost)
- CBRM, District of East Hants, Town of Amherst, Region of Queens, Halifax, Halifax Water

Working Together – Permit Data eXchange (PDX)

- The PVSC Municipal Advisory committee, which provides input and advice into PVSC's municipal engagement strategy, suggested exploring opportunities relating to building permits and inspections
- Sharing data would be mutually beneficial to all parties
- Opportunity Assessment and survey of municipalities reinforced support for concept
- Business Case completed and project launched this year

Vision – PDX

A **shared data repository** where municipalities and PVSC can share current data relating to **building permits, inspections** and other information for a property.

What might be next? Are there others that could benefit from access to this data? What about open data?

Working Together - Open Data

- In 2012, an open data forum was created, with representation from a number of municipalities and other organizations across the province, **to learn, and share ideas and perspectives about open data** as an opportunity for future exploration.
- This forum has broadened into the Open Data Council sponsored by the UNSM, PVSC and HRM (with other municipalities, the Province and academia participating), which provides:
 - Strategic advice on topics relating to Open Data
 - Education, communication, and research on best practices
- Goal of creating a single source Open Data Portal for municipal government and assessment data

Overview: What is Open Data

Open data is data that can be freely used, reused and redistributed by anyone:

- **Availability and Access:** the data must be available as a whole and at no more than a reasonable reproduction cost, preferably by downloading over the internet. The data must also be available in a convenient and modifiable form.
- **Reuse and Redistribution:** the data must be provided under terms that permit reuse and redistribution including the intermixing with other datasets.
- **Universal Participation:** everyone must be able to use, reuse and redistribute - there should be no discrimination against fields of endeavour or against persons or groups.

Why Open Data?

- Open Data has the potential to provide tremendous value in the support and enablement of:
 - **Transparency and Accountability**
 - **Economic Development,**
 - **Research and Innovation**
 - **Information Sharing among Suppliers**
- As a concept, Open Data is very much in its infancy in the province of Nova Scotia
 - For this concept to continue to develop and grow it will need much **support and leadership**

Who Provides and Uses Open Data?

- **Suppliers/Providers**
 - Government: Federal, Provincial and Municipal
 - Government Agencies and Corporations
- **Consumers**
 - Government and Government Agencies/Corporations
 - Public
 - Media
 - Open Government Advocates
 - Research organizations
 - Private sector organizations
 - Entrepreneurs

Open Data Council – Exploring a Portal

- This year, PVSC (on behalf of the Open Data Council) issued a request for expressions of interest to learn more about open data services that are available—an important first step toward **creating an open data portal for assessment and municipal data across the province**

Moving Forward Together...

- Continue to advance existing shared services between PVSC and municipalities (SAI, eDelivery, PDX, Open Data)
- Listen to municipal needs and opportunities
- On the look out for possible future service offerings

Questions?

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