

What can you do about it?

A provincial by-election is now under way in Parkdale-High Park. Voting day is September 14th. This is your opportunity to express your views on property tax reform.

Ask the candidates:

~ if they support capping of assessment increases which drive property taxes

~ whether they favour an overhaul of the property tax system

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Who we are:

We are the Coalition After Property Tax Reform (CAPTR), an alliance of ratepayer and senior organizations representing close to 1,000,000 Ontarians. CAPTR's only mission is to introduce equity into Ontario's property tax system.

Visit us at www.captr.org

Angry about your property tax?



**Send a message to
the candidates in the
Parkdale-High Park
By-Election.**

Ontario's Property Tax System is Broken... and it's unfair.

Our property taxes are among the highest in the western world.

Check your assessment notice. Your assessment, which drives property taxes, has likely increased by more than the 12 per cent Toronto average since last year. And that's with inflation at 2 or 3 per cent.

Property taxes are based on volatile real estate markets and a flawed assessment system.

Higher than average assessment increases mean higher property taxes.

What can be done about Ontario's Property Tax System?

The Provincial Ombudsman put out a scathing report criticizing the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) which is responsible for all assessments.

The government responded by calling for a two-year moratorium on assessments. That's it.

We need a complete overhaul of Ontario's property tax system.

Parkdale-High Park property owners should be upset about sky-high assessments

Ward 14 was assessed the second highest average increase in the 2005 assessment for Toronto — 18.4 per cent compared to an average of 11.9 per cent for the City as a whole.

Ward 13 was not far behind at 13.4 per cent.

That means your taxes went up on average more than almost any other part of Toronto. Plenty of individual increases were even greater than this average.



Come to the following All-Candidate Meetings --- express your concerns

Wednesday, September 6th
7:30 p.m.
at Runnymede United Church

Thursday, September 7th
between 7 and 9 p.m.
at Bishop Marrocco/Thomas Merton
Catholic Secondary School

Watch for other meetings

A possible solution:

What about capping assessment increases?

Some form of assessment cap exists today in almost half the North American assessment systems.

We have proposed that assessments be allowed to rise by no more than five per cent each year.

This cap would reduce volatility and make tax bills more predictable.

A cap is just one solution. There could be others.

The bottom line is that Ontario's property tax system needs a major overhaul.