

PSAB/Asset Management

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Important Announcement

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We have noted in previous Newsletters that the Public Sector Accounting Group at the CICA was preparing an implementation manual with regard to accounting for tangible capital assets. [The Guide To Accounting And Reporting For Tangible Capital Assets](#) is now complete and is available on the CICA website. It is an excellent source of information. It is a comprehensive document that elaborates on the new accounting standards, but also goes beyond to deal, for example, with asset management. The Guide is divided into the following 10 parts.

1. Need For And Benefits Of Reporting Tangible Capital Assets
2. Understanding Accounting Standards
3. Implementation Planning
4. Tangible Capital Asset Accounting Policy
5. Asset Management Practices
6. Asset Registers
7. Initial Recognition Of Tangible Capital Assets
8. Local Government Reporting Model
9. Financial Statement Issues – External Audits
10. Lessons Learned – Others

The Guide is an excellent companion to the [OMBI Guide](#), [appendices](#) and [case studies](#). We will deal with a number of the topics raised by these Guides in future Newsletters and training sessions.

Other Information from PSAB

In addition to the new Guide from the Public Sector Accounting Group, you will also find useful information in two new documents.

1. [PSAB: What It Is And What It Does Is A Short Pamphlet](#). This brochure provides information on PSAB, its responsibilities and what it has done. It also offers a simplified overview of the new financial statements.
2. [Decision Summary](#): This link provides a brief summary of decisions taken by the Public Sector Account Board at its meeting of March 26-27, 2007. With regard to tangible capital assets, the Board PSAB “approved a Statement of Principles recommending that governments and government organizations provide an assessment of the physical

condition of the tangible capital assets reported in their financial statements.” In addition, PSAB approved a re-issue of the exposure draft on government transfers. We will advise you when this new exposure draft is available for comment on the CICA website.

As always, we invite you to let us know if there is an issue that you would like to see addressed in the Newsletters. We are also interested in having our members submit anything that you come across with regard to tangible capital assets, financial reporting, asset management or long-term financial planning including any reports or presentations that you have given or prepared that could be of use to others.

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