

2018 Appointment of the Auditor**Report Purpose**

To appoint Strathcona County's external auditor for the year ending December 31, 2018.

Recommendation

THAT the appointment of KPMG LLP as the external auditor for Strathcona County for the year ending December 31, 2018 be approved.

Council History

July 18, 2017 - Council approved the appointment of KPMG LLP as the external auditor for Strathcona County for the year ended December 31, 2017.

July 5, 2016 - Council approved the appointment of KPMG LLP as the external auditor for Strathcona County for the year ended December 31, 2016.

Strategic Plan Priority Areas

Economy: n/a

Governance: The performance of an external audit supports strong fiscal management and good governance.

Social: n/a

Culture: n/a

Environment: n/a

Other Impacts

Policy: n/a

Legislative/Legal: Section 280 of the Municipal Government Act, R.S.A 2000 c. M-26 requires the appointment of an auditor.

Interdepartmental: Corporate Finance, Family and Community Services, Human Resources and Strathcona County Library.

Summary

The provision of external audit services is subject to annual appointment by Council. KPMG LLP was the successful proponent firm in the 2015 Request for Proposal. The award provides an option of four annual extensions.

KPMG will charge an audit fee of \$115,000 for 2018 (plus an admin fee of 5% and out of pocket expenses) for the following audits:

- Strathcona County Consolidated Financial Statements;
- Municipal Financial Information Return (required by Alberta Municipal Affairs);
- Local Authorities Pension Plan;
- APEX Pension Plan;
- Family and Community Support Services; and
- Strathcona County Library Financial Statements.

The total fee proposed for 2018 is reflective of the continuing impact of the scope of the audit and audit reporting requirements. We are confident that KPMG LLP will be cost effective and provide valued services this year.