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**Strathcona County Audit Results for the Year Ended December 31, 2019****Report Purpose**

To present the Strathcona County Audit Results for the year ended December 31, 2019 to Council for information purposes.

**Recommendation**

None.

**Our Prioritized Strategic Goals**

Governance Requirement

**Report**

The presentation of the Strathcona County Audit Results for the year ended December 31, 2019 (Enclosure 1) to Council is a required step of the audit process and the Municipal Government Act (MGA). This report provides an overview of the results of the 2019 external audit, which includes:

- 2019 Ernst & Young services;
- Critical policies, estimates and areas of audit emphasis;
- Information on fraud considerations and the risk of management override; and,
- Information on uncorrected misstatements and other differences identified throughout the audit.

Several additional enclosures have been provided for information:

- The draft independent auditor's report for the consolidated financial statements (Enclosure 2)
- The draft independent auditor's report for the financial information return (Enclosure 3)
- The draft independent auditor's report for the Pioneer Housing Foundation financial statements (Enclosure 4)
- An excerpt of the final independent auditor's report for the Family and Community Support Services Program (Enclosure 5)
- The draft independent auditor's report on compliance with the Local Authorities Pension Plan Pension e-guide (Enclosure 6)
- The draft independent auditor's report on compliance with the APEX Supplementary Pension Plan (Enclosure 7)

**Council and Committee History**

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| October 29, 2019 | Council was presented with the Strathcona County audit plan for the year ended December 31, 2019.   |
| July 23, 2019    | Council directed Administration to proceed to negotiate and execute a contract with the successful proponent as set out in Enclosure 1 to conduct the annual audit process as set out in the request for proposals. |
| December 6, 2018 | Council approved the 2019 consolidated operating and capital budget.  |

**Other Impacts**

**Policy:** FIN-001-010: Financial Reporting

**Legislative/Legal:** Sections 276-283 of the *Municipal Government Act (MGA)*, R.S.A. 2000, c. M-26 requires that Strathcona County prepare annual financial statements, that

Council appoint an auditor, and that the auditor report to Council regarding the annual financial statements. *Canadian Auditing Standards Section CAS 260 of the Chartered Professional Accountants (CPA) of Canada Handbook* further requires the auditors communicate with those having oversight responsibility of the financial reporting process. Presentation of the Audit Findings Report to Council satisfies this requirement.

**Interdepartmental:** All departments

**Master Plan/Framework:** n/a

**Enclosures**

- 1 Strathcona County Audit Results for the year ended December 31, 2019
- 2 Draft 2019 Strathcona County Independent Auditor's Report
- 3 Draft 2019 Financial Information Return Independent Auditor's Report
- 4 Draft 2019 Pioneer Housing Foundation Independent Auditor's Report
- 5 2019 Family and Community Support Services Program Independent Auditor's Report
- 6 Draft 2019 Auditor's Report on Compliance with the Local Authorities Pension Plan Pension e-guide
- 7 Draft 2019 Auditor's Report on Compliance with the APEX Supplementary Pension Plan