

2016 Appointment of the Auditor**Report Purpose**

To appoint Strathcona County's external auditor for the year ending December 31, 2016.

Recommendation

THAT the appointment of KPMG LLP as the external auditor for Strathcona County for the year ending December 31, 2016, be approved.

Council History

July 7, 2015 – Council approved the appointment of KPMG LLP as the external auditor for Strathcona County for the year ended December 31, 2015.

July 9, 2015 – Strathcona County awarded KPMG LLP with RFP 15 0001 for auditing services for a one (1) year term with an option of four (4) one (1) year extensions.

Strategic Plan Priority Areas

Economy: n/a

Governance: The provision of external audit services is subject to annual appointment by Council.

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 by Council.

Interdepartmental: Financial Services, Family and Community Services, and Strathcona County Library.

Summary

KPMG will charge an audit fee of \$ 109,500 for 2016 (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,
- Family and Community Support Services, and
- Strathcona County Library Financial Statements.

The total fee proposed for 2016 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.