

**Priorities Committee Meeting\_Nov22\_2016**

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**STRATEGIC INITIATIVE AND UPDATE****Audit Planning Report for the Year Ending December 31, 2016****Report Purpose**

To present the 2016 Audit Planning Report.

**Council History**

July 5, 2016 – Council appointed KPMG as the external auditor of Strathcona County for the year ended December 31, 2016.

**Strategic Plan Priority Areas**

**Economy:** n/a

**Governance:** Providing audited financial statements supports public involvement and communication with the community on issues affecting the County's future. This also provides for good governance by supporting strong fiscal management of programs and organizational capacity.

**Social:** n/a

**Culture:** n/a

**Environment:** n/a

**Other Impacts**

**Policy:** n/a

**Legislative/Legal:** Sections 276 – 283 of the Municipal Government Act, R.S.A. 2000 c. M-26, require that a municipality prepare annual financial statements, that Council appoint an auditor, and that the auditor report to Council on the annual financial statements. Furthermore, Canadian Auditing Standard (CAS) 260 of the Chartered Professional Accountants (CPA) Handbook requires that auditors communicate their responsibilities in relation to the financial statement audit and the planned scope and timing of the audit with those charged with governance. Presentation of the Audit Planning Report to the Committee of the Whole discharges these requirements.

**Interdepartmental:** All departments

**Summary**

The 2016 Audit Planning Report (the "report") identifies the audit services that will be provided by KPMG. This report provides an overview of the audit process and details the considerations taken into account while developing the audit plan for the County, including the key areas of focus and materiality. The report also introduces the engagement team and provides the planned timing of the audit with significant milestones. The appendices to the report include a copy of the engagement letter, KPMG's Audit Quality Framework, the audit approach and methodology, a listing of required communications, and current developments that are relevant to the County.

**Enclosure**

- 1 Strathcona County Audit Planning Report for the year ended December 31, 2016  
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