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BACKGROUND

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CITY OF DAWSON CREEK PERFORMANCE AUDIT REPORT

- The performance audit report on the City of Dawson Creek on the topic “Learnings from Local Government Capital Procurement Projects and Asset Management Programs” completes the performance audit of Dawson Creek undertaken by the office of the AGLG.
- The report, released today, examines Dawson Creek’s practices between 2010 and 2012, with a review of the City’s payments and related processes for one project (the Arts Centre project) that extended into 2014. The auditors also reviewed and considered documentation from before this period.
- To carry out the audit, AGLG auditors selected two capital projects undertaken by the City during the audit period and examined the capital planning, procurement controls, processes and practices associated with them. The auditors also reviewed the City’s capital asset management practices during the audit period.
- The two sampled projects were the Arts Centre project (also known as the Calvin Kruk Centre for the Arts) and the 92nd Ave Storm Drain Project.
- The office of the AGLG’s performance audits are independent, unbiased assessments of local government operations and initiatives, carried out in accordance with professional standards.
- The acting Auditor General for Local Government, Arn van Iersel CPA, FCGA, began work on April 13, 2015. While the majority of work on this audit was completed before Mr. van Iersel’s appointment, he reviewed the report, discussed its content with staff and signed off on it prior to its release.
- Each AGLG audit report is reviewed throughout its development by an outside technical advisor. The report is then subjected to an additional review by an external engagement quality control reviewer.

- As outlined in the *Auditor General for Local Government Act*, the independent Audit Council reviews and may provide comments for the AGLG's consideration on performance audit reports.
- The report is the third report the office of the AGLG has released on this topic. Reports on Rossland and Sechelt were released previously.
- The office of the AGLG will release additional performance audit reports over the coming months, including further reports on capital procurement and asset management, reports on operational procurement, and reports on the topic "Local Government Performance in Managing Policing Agreements and Police Budget Oversight."
- As the audit reports progress past the sharing of the proposed final audit reports with the local government, the office will release the expected publication date for each of these reports on its website.

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