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AGLG RELEASES REPORT ON CORPORATION OF DELTA OPERATIONAL PROCUREMENT

SURREY – A performance audit of the Corporation of Delta’s operational procurement activities between 2010 and 2012 has found that Delta has a strong approach to purchasing the goods and services it needs in support of its ongoing daily operations and programs, Auditor General for Local Government (AGLG) Basia Ruta said today.

In releasing the AGLG’s performance audit of Delta’s operational procurement practices, Ms. Ruta said, “Our review of Delta’s operational procurement practices identified many strengths, especially in the management of individual transactions and the containment of costs. We found good examples of initiatives aimed at ‘going the extra mile’ to generate savings.”

The audit report, released today on the Auditor General for Local Government’s website (www.aglg.ca) says that the AGLG found that Delta has set up systems and processes enabling it to manage its operational procurement with due regard for value for money.

“We noted that the Corporation has implemented a number of innovative and good practices to strategically manage its transactions and its overall approach to procurement,” said Ms. Ruta. “We also identified some areas where policies and practices could be enhanced to achieve even greater benefits for Delta’s taxpayers.”

The audit includes two recommendations:

- That Delta review and update its procurement policies and procedures to formalize improvements in practice that have already occurred and fill several identified gaps in its policies.
- That Delta further strengthen its strategic management of operational procurement by improving data collection, analysis, monitoring and reporting.

“I’m pleased with the Corporation of Delta’s positive response to the audit and its commitment to acting on our recommendations,” said Ms. Ruta. “The local government is a well-developed organization that we believe could enhance its already strong approach to operational procurement by implementing our recommendations. In our view, doing so will enable Delta to take its operational procurement to the next level.”

In addition to releasing the Delta audit report, the AGLG announced that the office will soon be releasing an additional report, an AGLG Perspectives booklet on operational procurement aimed at providing helpful advice and information to a wide range of local governments.

The release of the Delta audit report completes the audit process for the Corporation. Prior to being finalized, the report was reviewed by the independent Audit Council, which has the statutory authority to provide the AGLG with comments to assist with the completion of each performance audit report.

This report is being released on the same day as a performance audit report on the City of Roseland (part 2), on the topic: “Learnings from Local Government Capital Procurement Projects and Asset Management Programs.” The office has also announced that its report on the District of Sechelt will be released during April 2015 and additional reports from the initial group of 18 audits regularly thereafter.

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