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AGLG RELEASES AUDIT ON CITY OF REVELSTOKE

Surrey – A performance audit of the City of Revelstoke’s day-to-day purchasing – known as operational procurement – between 2010 and 2012 found that the City’s staff and council members made operational procurement decisions with due regard for value for money, Auditor General for Local Government (AGLG) Gordon Ruth said today.

The audit concluded that the City met most of the audit expectations and had a solid foundation for operational procurement. The audit also identified a few areas that could be improved.

“I am encouraged to see that the City of Revelstoke has generally sound policies and practices covering its operational procurement,” said Mr. Ruth, “and I’m pleased with the City’s constructive response to the audit and its commitment to act on our recommendations.”

The audit report, released today on the AGLG website (www.aglg.ca), includes the results of a review of selected operational procurement transactions by the City. The AGLG found that staff fully complied in all of those transactions with the City’s purchasing policies.

In addition to the audit’s generally positive findings, it identified a few areas where the City could enhance its management of operational procurement. These include filling some gaps in its procurement-related policies and enhancing monitoring and reporting on its purchasing activities.

“I hope our recommendations will help the City strengthen its management of procurement activities,” said Ruth. “By making the changes we have recommended, the City could do an even better job of ensuring value for money in its operational procurement.”

This is the AGLG’s sixth report on the topic “Achieving Value for Money in Operational Procurement” and the 17th AGLG performance audit report released overall. The office has also published four AGLG Perspectives booklets, which aim to provide a wide range of local governments with helpful advice and information relating to audit topics the office has explored. The four booklets cover the topics Oversight of Capital Project Planning and Procurement, Asset Management, Policing Services Performance Assessment and Improving Local Government Procurement Processes.

The release of the City of Revelstoke report completes the audit process for the City. Prior to being finalized, the report was reviewed by the Audit Council, which has the statutory authority to provide the AGLG with comments to assist in completing each performance audit report.

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