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#### **AGLG RELEASES AUDIT ON REGIONAL DISTRICT OF FRASER-FORT GEORGE**

**Surrey** – A performance audit of the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George’s day-to-day purchasing – known as operational procurement – between 2010 and 2012 found that the Regional District was generally managing this activity with due regard for value for money, Auditor General for Local Government (AGLG) Gordon Ruth said today.

The audit concluded that the Regional District had, for the most part, well-developed principles, bylaws, policies and procedures governing operational procurement and staff mostly followed the established policies, although it did identify a few exceptions and areas that could be improved.

“It is encouraging to see that the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George has generally sound policies and practices covering its operational procurement,” said Mr. Ruth, “and I’m pleased with the Regional District’s positive response to the audit and its commitment to act on our recommendations.”

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

The audit report, released today on the AGLG website ([www.aglg.ca](http://www.aglg.ca)), includes the results of a review of selected operational procurement transactions. While the AGLG found some transactions where staff did not fully follow the Regional District’s procurement policies, the office concluded that staff mostly complied with policies and procedures.

“I hope our recommendations will help the Regional District strengthen its management of procurement activities,” said Ruth. “By making the changes we have recommended and adopting a comprehensive strategic approach to operational procurement, the Regional District could do an even better job of ensuring value for money in its operational procurement.”

This is the AGLG’s fifth audit on the topic “Achieving Value for Money in Operational Procurement” and the 16<sup>th</sup> 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 are on Oversight of Capital Project Planning & Procurement, Asset Management, Policing Services Performance Assessment and Improving Local Government Procurement Processes.

The release of the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George report completes the audit process for the Regional District. 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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