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## NEWS RELEASE



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### **AGLG announces first capital project management auditee**

**SURREY** – The District of Mackenzie will be the first local government to be audited by British Columbia’s office of the Auditor General for Local Government (AGLG) on the topic “*Capital Project Management.*”

“The construction and maintenance of community infrastructure are among the major functions performed by local governments,” said Auditor General for Local Government Gordon Ruth. “The effectiveness of their management of these projects has a major impact on how well taxpayers’ money is spent and the level and quality of services they receive. These performance audits will look at how effectively local governments are managing capital projects to meet their intended objectives.”

AGLG staff has begun the planning phase of the Mackenzie performance audit, which includes developing audit objectives and determining the scope and criteria for the audit.

This is the second series of audits undertaken by the AGLG relating to capital projects. The first round of audits, “Learnings from Local Government Capital Procurement and Asset Management Programs,” was conducted between 2013 and 2016. It included six local governments from across the province.

“In selecting local governments for audits, we consider factors such as population size, geographical location and other community characteristics, including recently completed community capital projects,” Ruth said. “During our three-year annual audit planning, local governments identified capital project management as an important area for the AGLG to audit. We will begin work on this topic with a performance audit of one municipality, adding other local governments at a later time.”

AGLG staff is also currently conducting audits on “Emergency Management in Local Governments” at the Fraser Valley Regional District and “Local Government’s Role in Ensuring Clean Drinking Water” at the Township of Langley.

The AGLG’s Annual Service Plan describes the office’s performance audit planning process in detail. To date, the office has released a total of 36 reports, including 29 performance audit reports and 7 AGLG

Perspectives booklets. These reports and the office's Annual Service Plan are available on the AGLG website ([www.aglg.ca](http://www.aglg.ca)).

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