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AGLG RELEASES PART TWO REPORT ON CITY OF ROSSLAND CAPITAL ASSET MANAGEMENT

SURREY – A performance audit of the City of Rossland’s capital asset management activities between 2010 and 2012 has found that work remains to be done for the City to manage its capital assets effectively, Auditor General for Local Government (AGLG) Basia Ruta said today.

In releasing the second part of a two-part performance audit of Rossland’s capital project procurement and asset management practices, Ms. Ruta said, “The City of Rossland took some positive steps to manage its capital assets during the audit period and now needs to build on the work that has already been done to enhance its capital asset management activities by making them more systematic and strengthening its links between capital asset management and capital planning.”

The audit report, released today on the Auditor General for Local Government’s website (www.aglg.ca) says the auditors found good initiatives undertaken by the City during the audit period to enhance its management of capital assets.

The audit found that Rossland was still at an early stage of developing a systematic approach to capital asset management and that the process may have stalled. Effective capital asset management requires a consistent commitment by the local government over time. The report includes three recommendations dealing with its overall approach to capital asset management, its capital asset information, risk assessment and planning and its planning and approval process for capital projects.

“I am pleased with the City of Rossland’s response to the audit and our recommendations,” said Ms. Ruta. “It is encouraging to see the City committed to improving in this important area that has such a major impact on the services a local government delivers to residents.”

In addition to releasing the second part of the Rossland audit report, the AGLG announced the office will be releasing an additional report in the near future, the second AGLG Perspectives

booklet aimed at providing helpful advice and other information to a wide range of local governments. This booklet will focus on capital asset management by local governments.

The release of part two of the Rossland audit report completes the audit process for the City. 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 Corporation of Delta on the topic: "Achieving Value for Money in Operational Procurement." 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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