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### NEWS RELEASE

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#### **AGLG RELEASES AUDIT ON CITY OF CRANBROOK**

**SURREY** – A performance audit of the City of Cranbrook’s capital procurement and asset management activities between 2010 and 2012 found that the City was undertaking a number of foundational steps in developing its overall asset management framework, but these were still in an early stage of development. More needed to be done for the City to make informed, cost-effective asset management decisions, Auditor General for Local Government (AGLG), Gordon Ruth, said today.

“We found a few areas where the City should make improvements,” said Mr. Ruth, “and our audit report encourages the City to continue its work on improving and moving forward its capital asset management practices. We also recommend that the City strengthen its procurement policies and capital projects management practices.”

According to the City, Cranbrook has taken a number of significant steps since the period covered by the audit and has continued to enhance its asset management and purchasing processes.

Mr. Ruth said, “I’m pleased with Cranbrook’s constructive response to the audit and its commitment to act on our recommendations.”

This is the AGLG’s sixth report on the topic “*Learnings from Local Government Capital Procurement Projects and Asset Management Programs.*” The release of this report completes the performance audit process for the City of Cranbrook.

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. Overall, this is the 18<sup>th</sup> AGLG performance audit report released to date and concludes all of the office’s pre-2016 planned performance audit work.

The office has also released 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 for Local Governments, Policing Services Performance Assessment and Improving Local Government Procurement Processes.

Today, the AGLG has also released and posted on its website, [www.aglg.ca](http://www.aglg.ca), the office's Annual Report, covering the period April 1, 2015 to March 31, 2016.

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