



STAFF REPORT

Title: 2024 Annual Financial Statements and Auditor's Report

Meeting Date: April 22, 2025

Executive Summary:

The Municipal Government Act requires that every municipality in Alberta prepare and submit its Audited Financial Statements and Financial Information Return by May 1st of each year following the end of the fiscal year to Alberta Municipal Affairs.

Jeff Alliston, Partner of Metrix Group LLP, in attendance, will be presenting the City's 2024 Audited Financial Statements for Council's approval.

Background:

Metrix Group LLP Chartered Professional Accountants was appointed by Council on June 22, 2021 as the City of Cold Lake's auditor for the 2021-2025 fiscal years. The 2024 Annual Financial Statements are the responsibility of the City's Administration and the City's auditor expresses their opinion of the annual financial statements in their auditor's report.

In the 2022 and 2023 Annual Financial Statements, a qualified opinion was issued on the tangible capital assets for the cost, accumulated amortization and amortization of engineered structures.

Throughout 2023 and 2024, a fulsome review of the tangible capital asset recordings for the engineered structures was undertaken. This resulted in updating of the City's Policy No. 124-AD-10, Tangible Capital Asset Accounting Policy, and revision of the accounting record for the engineered structures from 2007 to 2024.

In the attached 2024 Annual Financial Statements, the qualified opinion has been removed.

The City's 2024 Financial Statements and auditors report will be available to the public and will also be posted on the City's website, after approval.

As a part of the tangible capital asset review, the City has restated the 2023 Financial Statements as follows:

- Recalculation of Tangible Capital Assets; and,
- Reclassification of Deferred Revenue.



Alternatives:

Council has the following alternatives:

1. Council may pass a motion to approve the Audited City of Cold Lake Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2024 as presented and accept the Auditor's report as information.
2. Council may request additional information from Administration or the auditor before approval/acceptance.

Recommended Action:

Administration recommends that Council approve the Audited City of Cold Lake Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2024 as presented and accept the Auditor's report as information.

Budget Implications (Yes or No):

No

Submitted by:

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