



Subject: 2015 Non-Consolidated Financial Statements

APPROVALS:

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Administrative Recommendation:

THAT the Audit Committee accept the presentation of the 2015 Non-Consolidated Financial Statements for the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo for the year ended December 31, 2015 as information.

Summary:

The *Municipal Government Act* requires that every Alberta municipality prepare and submit a Financial Information Return and Audited Financial Statements by May 1 of each year for the preceding year. The consolidated financial statements, to be submitted to the Province, will include information for subsidiaries; the Regional Recreation Corporation, Wood Buffalo Housing Development Corporation and Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo Library Board.

In advance of submitting consolidated financial information, Administration is presenting information specific to municipal operations prior to consolidation. This format allows for each subsidiary to provide information and speak to highlights specific to their operations.

Background:

Administration is responsible for the preparation of the financial statements which are audited by Deloitte LLP. Highlights of the non-consolidated financial statements, municipal operations only, are presented for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2015 as information and in advance of final presentation of the consolidated audited report.

Budget/Financial Implications:

The 2015 operating surplus of \$477K has been transferred to the Emerging Issues Reserve, per Fiscal Responsibility Policy – FIN-160 approved by Council on July 15, 2015. This transfer will be in addition to the minimum \$50M balance required in the Emerging Issue Reserve.

Rationale for Recommendation:

The presentation is provided to ensure visibility and transparency to the Audit Committee on the financial position of the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo, as a separate entity, in advance of consolidation with municipal subsidiaries; the Regional Recreation Corporation, Wood Buffalo Housing Development Corporation and Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo Library Board.

Strategic Plan Linkage:

Pillar 1 – Building Responsible Government