

**Subject: 2014 Preliminary Audited Consolidated Financial Statements**

**APPROVALS:**

Kola Oladimeji, Director  
Elsie Hutton, Executive Director  
Marcel Ulliac, Chief Administrative Officer

**Administrative Recommendation:**

THAT the final 2014 Audited Consolidated Financial Statements for the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo for the year ended December 31, 2014 be presented to Council for acceptance 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 2014 external audit is substantially completed and only minor revisions are expected in the final version of the financial statements. The status update is being provided in advance of the final presentation of the audited report to Council on April 28, 2015.

**Background:**

All information from subsidiary corporations which includes the Regional Recreation Corporation of Wood Buffalo, Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo Public Library, and Wood Buffalo Housing and Development Corporation have been consolidated within the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo Financial Statements.

This status update follows substantial completion of the field audit work from the Auditors (Deloitte) and is relative to any issues arising from the 2014 year end audit including subsidiary corporations. The final Audited Financial Statements will be presented at the April 28 Council meeting prior to the May 1 legislated deadline.

The Audited Consolidated Financial Statements will also be made available to the public on the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo website.

**Budget/Financial Implications:**

The 2014 net surplus includes the operating budget surplus of \$1M transferred to the Emerging Issues Reserve, per the Fiscal Responsibility Policy – FIN-160 approved by Council on April 26, 2011. This transfer will be in addition to the minimum \$50M balance required in the Emerging Issues Reserve. The operating budget surplus represents 0.13% of the 2014 Approved Operating Budget. The Municipality continues to exhibit a strong financial position as represented in the attached financial statements.

**Rationale for Recommendation:**

Section 276 of the *Municipal Government Act* requires that all municipalities prepare annual financial statements and the auditor's report by May 1 of each year for the immediate preceding year.

**Attachment:**

1. Preliminary Consolidated Financial Statements of Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo Year ended December 31, 2014