

THE CORPORATION OF THE  
**CITY OF WHITE ROCK**  
CORPORATE REPORT



**DATE:** January 12, 2026  
**TO:** Mayor and Council  
**FROM:** Candice Gartry, CPA, CGA, Director, Financial Services  
**SUBJECT:** 2025 Audit Planning Report and Presentation

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**RECOMMENDATIONS**

THAT Council receive the corporate report dated January 12, 2026, from the Director of Financial Services, titled ‘2025 Audit Planning Report and Presentation;’ and

1. Receive the verbal presentation by the KPMG Lead Audit Engagement Partner summarizing its audit planning process for the City of White Rock for the year ended December 31, 2025.
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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This report introduces KPMG LLP as the City of White Rock’s external auditor and presents the 2025 Audit Planning Report. The report outlines the audit scope and timing for the year ended December 31, 2025.

**BACKGROUND**

Section 167 of the [Community Charter](#) states that:

- (2) *Subject to subsection (3), the financial statements must be prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles for local governments.*
- (4) *By May 15 in each year, a municipality must submit to the inspector its audited financial statements for the preceding year and any other financial information requested by the inspector.*
- (5) *In addition to any requirement under subsection (4), the financial officer must compile and supply information on the financial affairs of the municipality requested by the inspector*

Further, Section 169 of the [Community Charter](#) states that:

- (1) *A council must appoint an auditor for the municipality.*
- (2) *A municipal auditor must be a person who is authorized to be the auditor of a company under section 205 of the Business Corporations Act.*
- (3) *A municipal auditor has the power and duty to conduct the examinations necessary to prepare the reports required under this Division and, for these purposes, has the same*

*authority in relation to the municipality as the auditor of a company under the Business Corporations Act.*

## **INTRODUCTION**

The purpose of this report is to introduce the City of White Rock's external financial auditor, KPMG LLP ("KPMG"), and to present KPMG's 2025 Audit Planning Report. KPMG Lead Audit Engagement Partner, Brandon Ma, CPA, CA, will provide a verbal overview of the report at this meeting.

The Audit Planning Report, attached as Appendix A, outlines the planned scope and timing of the financial audit for the year ended December 31, 2025. Key highlights include:

- **Scope and Timing:** The audit approach remains consistent with prior years, with no significant changes in operations or unusual transactions expected to impact the audit of the City's financial statements.
- **Materiality Threshold:** The materiality threshold for 2025 has been set at \$1.6M (2024: \$1.4M). Materiality represents the point at which an error or omission could influence the decisions of users relying on the financial statements. This threshold is important because it helps auditors focus on areas that could impact the fairness and reliability of the City's financial reporting.
- **Fraud Enquiries:** In accordance with auditing standards, KPMG will make inquiries regarding the potential for fraud with those charged with governance, including the Chief Administrative Officer and the Chief Financial Officer/Director, Financial Services. Council members who have relevant information may contact Brandon Ma directly using the details provided in Appendix A or through the Director of Financial Services.

The 2025 audited financial statements will be reported to Council prior to May 15, 2026. KPMG will attend that meeting to address any questions from Council related to the year-end audit.

## **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

No specific legal implications to note. Audited financial statements must be submitted to (the provincial) inspector by May 15 for the preceding year in accordance with the [Community Charter](#).

## **CONCLUSION**

Staff recommend that Council receive this report, Appendix A, and the verbal presentation made by the KPMG Lead Audit Engagement Partner.

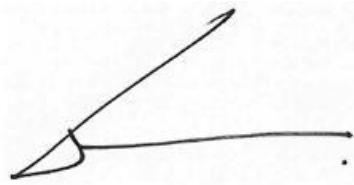
Respectfully submitted,



Candice Gartry, CPA, CGA  
Director, Financial Services

**Comments from the Chief Administrative Officer**

This corporate report is provided for information purposes.

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Guillermo Ferrero,  
Chief Administrative Officer

Appendix A: City of White Rock 2025 Audit Planning Report