



Staff Report to Council - for Direction

Title: Audited Consolidated Financial Statements

From: Lynn Hatten, Acting Director of Corporate Services

Date: May 2, 2024

Staff Recommendation:

That the 2023 Audit Report as presented by BDO & Company LLP be accepted and received for information; and,

That the 2023 Audited Consolidated Financial Statements be approved.

Report Summary:

Annually the County's Auditors present the Audited Consolidated Financial Statements to Council for review and approval. The statements presented reflect the County's financial position as at December 31, 2023.

Background:

The 2023 audited consolidated financial statements including notes will be presented by Traci Smith, Partner of the BDO & Company LLP office in Owen Sound.

At the April 4, 2024 council meeting the unaudited results were reported and a surplus of \$2,719,143 was outlined. The final audited surplus remains unchanged from the amount previously presented.

The 2023 audited financial statements include the implementation of two new accounting standards regarding Asset Retirement Obligations and Financial Instruments. The Asset Retirement Obligations standard required a restatement of the 2022 financial statements as a result of the County's election to apply modified retrospective method while the Financial Instruments standard is applied on a prospective basis.

Financial/Staffing/Legal/IT Considerations:

The Unaudited Financial Statement Results Report presented in April outlined a plan for how the surplus should be allocated amongst select County Reserves. This recommendation was approved and applied.

There are no staffing, legal or IT considerations associated with this report.

Interdepartmental Consultation:

The draft audited financial statements were reviewed with the CAO's Office, and relevant information has been shared with the Senior Management Team.

Link to Strategic Goals and Objectives:

The report aligns with the strategic values of financial sustainability and good governance.

Link to Departmental Plan Goals and Objectives, if any:

The completion of the 2023 Audit saw the Corporate Services department complete the initial implementation of two new accounting standards that the department has been working on for the past two years.

Departmental Approval:

Lynn Hatten, Acting Director of Corporate Services

Approved for Submission:

Sean Morphy, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer