

Report to Council

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TOPIC:	2024 Audited Financial Statement Approval	April 22, 2025
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PURPOSE:

The purpose of this report is to inform Council of the process for approval of the annual audited financial statements.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council approve the 2024 Audited Financial Statements as presented by the Metrix Group LLP and our principal auditor, Curtis Friesen.

RATIONALE:

Mr. Friesen and his team have performed an annual financial audit of the Town of Morinville's financial position, as required by the *Municipal Government Act* and in accordance with Canadian Auditing Standards and Public Sector Accounting Standards. In order for the statements to be complete and available for submission to Municipal Affairs, Council must provide its approval of the statements.

REPORT INFORMATION:

Section 281(1) of the *Municipal Government Act* (MGA) outlines the requirement for the municipal auditor to report to Council on the Annual Audited Financial Statements of the municipality.

The auditor must report to Council any improper or unauthorized transactions or any non-compliance with the MGA or another enactment or bylaw that is noted during the course of the audit.

Curtis Friesen, CPA, Partner, Metrix Group LLP, presented the statements during the Delegation portion of the April 22, 2025, Council meeting. Council is required to formally approve the audited financial statements so they may be submitted to Municipal Affairs.

The *MGA*, under section 276, requires the following:

- Each municipality must prepare annual financial statements of the municipality for the immediately preceding year in accordance with:
 - o Canadian generally accepted accounting principles for municipal governments, which are the standards approved by the Public Sector Accounting Board included in the CPA Canada Public Sector Accounting Handbook published by the Chartered Professional Accountants of Canada, as amended from time to time, and
 - o Any modification of the principles or any supplementary accounting standards or principles established by the Minister by regulation.

- The municipality's financial statements must include:
 - o The municipality's debt limit, and
 - o The amount of the municipality's debt as defined in the regulations under section 271.
- Each municipality must make its financial statements, or a summary of them, and the auditor's report of the financial statements available to the public in the manner the council considers appropriate by May 1 of the year following the year for which the financial statements have been prepared.

In addition to the annual Audited Financial Statements, Section 277 (1) of the MGA states that each municipality must also prepare and submit a Financial Information Return respecting the financial affairs of the municipality for the immediately preceding calendar year to the Government of Alberta.

Each municipality must submit annually to Municipal Affairs by May 1:

- the financial information return and the auditor's report on the financial information return, and
- the financial statements and the auditor's report the financial statements.

Administration would like to thank Mr. Friesen, as well as Craig Poeter, who led the fieldwork for the audit, for their advice, support and timely performance of the annual audit, as well as the continued strong working relationship between Morinville and Metrix LLP.

IMPACT:

The cost of the audit is included in each budget year and determined by the contract signed with the service provider. The 2024 financial audit was the second year in a 3-year contract with Metrix. The contract also includes an additional two optional years at the Town's discretion.

NEXT STEPS:

Upon approval, the 2024 Audited Financial Statements and Financial Information Return will be submitted to Alberta Municipal Affairs. A copy of the financial statements will also be made available on the Town's website.

ALIGNMENT:

Morinville 2022-2025 Strategic Plan:
Goal 3 - Financial Stewardship

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