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Auditor General releases list of projects for next three years

VICTORIA – The Office of the Auditor General of B.C. has released their annual performance and financial statement audit coverage plans. The plans list in-progress audits as well as those that the office anticipates starting over the next three years.

“By communicating our intentions in these plans, organizations are encouraged to be proactive, and reflect on ways that they can improve their programs and get involved with us sooner,” said Auditor General Carol Bellringer.

This year, new performance audit topics include post-secondary student mental health, the RCMP contract, and access to timely cancer care. The office has paused work on seven projects, including the George Massey Tunnel Replacement and the Transportation Investment Corporation due to recent changes in these areas. The office will monitor these projects to determine if further work would add value.

Of note in the office’s project list is its continued intent to audit the Site C project. Bellringer points out that, “Site C remains a priority for us. Some of the Site C work that we were initially going to undertake was addressed in the BC Utility Commission's recent report, so we're adjusting the scope of our audit. We need some time to determine where we can offer the most value given the complexity of the project and our limited resources.”

The office considers hundreds of performance audit topics each year from a variety of sources and uses a robust planning and consultation process to determine which audits to undertake. Considerations include the significance, risk, relevance, timing and impact on both taxpayers and those being audited. The office aims to make the best use of its resources and choose audits with the greatest value to British Columbians and MLAs.

As well as performance audits, the office is responsible for the overall financial statement audit of government. The financial statement audit coverage plan is approved by the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts each year and shows which of the 146 or so government entities are audited by the office or a private-sector firm. Each of these individual audits are rolled up into the office’s annual audit of government’s Summary Financial Statements, which is the largest financial audit in the province.

The office strives to ensure that it has the right depth and breadth of knowledge about the business of government so it can maintain appropriate awareness of government’s financial statement risk areas. As such, the office is now the Interior Health Authority’s auditor, and will



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become the Royal BC Museum's auditor in 2019, and BC Hydro and the University of British Columbia's auditors in 2020.

Both coverage plans are available on the Office of the Auditor General's website at www.bcauditor.com/pubs. Auditor General Carol Bellringer will answer questions pertaining to these plans via a news conference.



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News Conference Date: January 24, 2018

Time: 11:00 a.m. (Pacific time)

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