

Regional Municipality of Peel and Peel Housing Corporation

2021 Audit service plan

For the year ending December 31, 2021



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Dear Audit and Risk Committee Members:

We are pleased to provide you with our audit service plan for the Regional Municipality of Peel ("the Region") and Peel Housing Corporation ("PHC") for the year ending December 31, 2021. This document describes the key features of our plan including our audit scope and approach, our planned communications with you, and our team.

Our audit will include:

- Consolidated financial statements of the Region as at, and for the year ending, December 31, 2021, prepared in accordance with Canadian Public Sector Accounting Standards ("PSAS")
- Financial statements of PHC as at, and for the year ending, December 31, 2021, prepared in accordance with Canadian Public Sector Accounting Standards ("PSAS")
- Financial statements of the Regional Municipality of Peel Trust Funds (the "Trust Funds") as at, and for the year ending, December 31, 2021, and
- Financial statements of the Regional Municipality of Peel Sinking Funds (the "Sinking Funds") as at, and for the year ending, December 31, 2021.

herein after, collectively referred to as the "financial statements".

Our commitment to you is straightforward: we will provide you with outstanding professional services delivered by an experienced and dedicated team of specialists. Our professionals will continue providing you with best practices and insights to face the increasingly complex array of issues and challenges encountered by organizations like the Region and PHC.

We look forward to discussing our audit service plan with you and answering any questions you may have.

Yours truly,

"Original signed by Deloitte LLP"

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Executive summary



Audit scope and terms of engagement

We have been engaged to perform the audits of the financial statements of the Region, PHC, the Trust Funds, Sinking Funds, and to perform various audits on the Programs (collectively, the "Region") prepared in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards ("PSAS") as at, and for the year ending December 31, 2021. Our audit will be conducted in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards ("Canadian GAAS").

The terms and conditions of our engagement are described in the Master Services Agreement for Professional Services dated July 22, 2016 and Confirmation of Changes letters dated November 19, 2018 and January 21, 2021.

Audit risks

- 1 Revenue and deferred revenue amounts (Region)
- 2 Tangible capital assets (Region)
- 3 Year-end accruals and other estimates (Region)
- **4** Year-end cut off (Region)
- **5** Management override of controls (Region/PHC)
- **6** Tenant and other receivables/revenue (PHC)
- 7 Long-term debt (PHC)



Our materiality for the year ending December 31, 2021 will be determined by applying professional judgment, on the basis of total revenues.

We will report to the Committee uncorrected misstatements greater than our current year clearly trivial amount (5% of materiality).



Fraud risk

We will develop our audit strategy to address the assessed risks of material misstatement due to fraud. Determining this strategy will involve:

- 1. Enquiry of those involved in the financial reporting process about inappropriate or unusual activity.
- Testing a sample of journal entries throughout the period as well as adjustments made at the end of the reporting period.
- 3. Identifying and obtaining an understanding of the business rationale for significant or unusual transactions that are outside the normal course of business.
- 4. Evaluating whether your accounting policies may be indicative of fraudulent financial reporting resulting from management's effort to manage earnings.
- 5. Evaluating whether the judgements and decisions related to management estimates indicate a possible bias.
- 6. Incorporating an element of unpredictability in selecting our audit procedures.

We will also ask the Committee for their views about the risk of fraud, whether they know of any actual or suspected fraud affecting the Region and their role in the oversight of management's antifraud programs.

If we suspect fraud involving management, we will immediately inform the Committee of our suspicions and discuss the nature, timing, and extent of audit procedures necessary to complete the audit.

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Use of work of specialists

The Region employs an actuary in their determination of the Region's post employment benefits.

We will review and test any data and assumptions used, ensure the disclosure in the financial statements is adequate, and that the actuary is in good standing with the Canadian Institute of Actuaries.

We also intend to use the work of the Region's specialist to determine the calculation of the Region's post closure landfill liability and liability for contaminated sites determined in accordance with PSAS 3260.

Deloitte's Next Normal

The Way We Work. The Work We Do. Reinvented.

Deloitte's Next Normal is a reimagined, flexible way of working that enables us to create value together with our clients by making purposeful choices about where and how we work and how we will define and measure success. We imagine a world which is neither all-virtual, nor all-face-to-face. It will be a world in which agility, versatility and the ability to create delightful, blended experiences for our people and clients will be a differentiator. We will work with each client to determine the best combination of virtual and in person settings to complete our audits while continuing to deliver value and insights.

Our Next Normal is...

- **Flexible.** It allows each of us to make intentional choices about where and how we work so we can show up as our best and most productive selves.
- **Iterative.** We will continuously adapt our ways of working as we test and learn with our teams and our clients.
- **Different.** It will require each of us to lean into the challenge of embracing new routines.

Below are some of the resources we have developed to assist with this Next Normal.



Deloitte Connect

One centralized collaboration portal where you can quickly drag and drop files, ask clarifying questions, get reminders. You have visibility into audit and request status on real-time dashboards, whether on your computer or on a mobile app.

Audit risks

During our risk assessment, we identified some areas of audit risks that will require special audit consideration. These areas of risks, together with our planned responses, are described below.

The following tables set out certain areas of audit risk that we identified during our preliminary planning activities, including our proposed response to each risk. Our planned audit response is based on our assessment of the likelihood of a risk's occurrence, the significance should a misstatement occur, our determination of materiality and our prior knowledge of the Region.

Region of Peel

Revenue and deferred revenue amounts*

Audit risk

Under Canadian GAAS, we are required to evaluate the risk of fraud in revenue recognition.

This represents a fraud risk for the 2021 audit.

Our proposed audit response

- We will evaluate the design and implementation of controls relating to revenue.
- We will perform substantive testing to determine if restricted contributions (i.e., development charges, gas tax, conditional grants, COVID-19 funding, etc.) have been recognized as revenue in the appropriate period.

Tangible capital assets

Audit risk

Appropriate accounting and disclosure of tangible capital assets.

Our proposed audit response

- We will test assumptions used in determining completeness, valuation, recording and cut-off of additions and disposals, and
- We will test the calculations of amortization.

Year-end accruals and other estimates (including salaries, employee future benefits, landfill closure and post-closure liability, contaminated sites, and allowance for doubtful accounts)

Audit risk

Estimates requiring management judgments and assumptions.

Our proposed audit response

- We will obtain documentation on management's control over accounting estimates and assess risk
- We will review and assess the consistency of major assumptions used to develop significant accounting estimates
- We will compare actual historical experience to models employed in such calculations
- We will obtain calculations from experts for accruals such as employee future benefit liability and landfill liability, and assess assumptions and data used to prepare the report, and
- We will review actual outcome of prior year estimates.

Year-end cut off

Audit risk

Determine if cut-off of revenues and expenses is appropriate.

Our proposed audit response

- We will perform substantive testing on accounts payable, accrued liabilities, deferred revenue and accounts receivable, and
- We will test disbursements subsequent to yearend.

Management override of controls* (Region/PHC)

Audit risk

Under Canadian Auditing Standards, it is the responsibility of the management, with the oversight of those charged with governance to place a strong emphasis on fraud prevention and detection. Oversight by those charged with governance includes considering the potential for override of controls or other inappropriate influence over the financial reporting process.

Management override of controls is present in all entities. It is a risk of material misstatement resulting from fraud and therefore is considered as a significant audit risk.

Our proposed audit response

- We will discuss fraud with management.
- We will ask the Committee for their views about the risk of fraud, whether they know of any actual or suspected fraud affecting the Region and their role in the oversight of management's antifraud programs.
- We will test a sample of journal entries made throughout the period and adjustments made at the end of the reporting period.
- We will evaluate the business rationale for any significant unusual transactions.
- We will determine whether the judgments and decisions related to management estimates indicate a possible bias, which will include performing retrospective analysis of significant accounting estimates.

Peel Housing Corporation

Tenant and other receivables/revenue*

Audit risk

Under Canadian GAAS, we are required to evaluate the risk of fraud in revenue recognition. We have pinpointed this risk to tenant revenue as well as valuation of tenant and other receivables.

Our proposed audit response

- We will review aging reports and estimate allowance for doubtful tenant receivables for reasonableness.
- We will confirm subsidies received from the Service Manager.
- We will perform detail testing of tenant and other receivables and related revenue.

Long-term debt

Audit risk

Appropriate accounting and disclosure of the long-term debt.

Our proposed audit response

- We will confirm long-term debt balances with third parties.
- We will recalculate interest expense.

^{*}These areas have been identified as areas of significant risk.

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We will inform you of any significant changes to the areas of audit risk discussed above and the reasons for those changes as part of our year-end communication, or earlier if deemed necessary.

Appendix 1 – Audit approach

Deloitte's audit approach is a systematic methodology that enables us to tailor our audit scope and plan to address the unique issues facing the Region.



Delivering professional excellence

Focus area			
Risk based audit	Deliver a customized risk assessment, focusing our attention and resources on the audit areas that are most relevant to the Region.		
Confidential Information	 Protecting the privacy and confidentiality of our clients and the firm is a cornerstone of the professional standards every Deloitte partner and practitioner commits to upholding every day. Deloitte employs technical, physical, and procedural safeguards, including our Confidential Information Program, to appropriately safeguard your data before, during, and after the course of the engagement. 		
Professional skepticism	 Obtain a thorough understanding of the relevant facts and information, analyze reasonable alternatives, apply a questioning mindset and challenge management's assumptions. Perform a more rigorous review of potential contradictory evidence. 		
Consultations	Involve additional resource or consult with technical resources concerning the significant or unusual events.		

Initial Planning



Assessing and responding to engagement risk



Developing and executing the audit plan



- Understanding your current business and its structure
- Understanding your accounting processes and internal controls
- Understanding your IT systems
- Identifying potential engagement risks and planning control testing and substantive procedures directly related to the risks
- Consideration of the risk of fraud
- Inquiring directly of the Committee about fraud risk
- Assessing risks and controls relating to information technology
- Incorporate an element of unpredictability when selecting the nature, timing and extent of our audit procedures
- Evaluating the design and determining the implementation of internal controls relevant to the audit
- Testing the operational effectiveness of the controls we intend to rely on
- Performing substantive audit procedures
- Prior to rendering our report, we will conclude whether:
 - The scope of the audit was sufficient to support our opinion, and
 - The misstatements identified during the audit do not result in the financial statements being materially misstated.
- Reconfirming our independence



Innovating our audit approach

Focus area

Audit technology

- Deloitte Connect Use Deloitte's secure, online collaboration site to facilitate a twoway dialogue between the Deloitte team and the Region team to effectively manage engagement coordination and provide greater transparency allowing both management and auditor visibility over client request status.
- **Spotlight** Spotlight is a key component in delivering a high quality and efficient audit. It is a Deloitte's proprietary tool that focuses testing on high-risk transactions and streamline common audit test procedures.



Focus area

Processes

- Optimizing interim Proactively shift work forward from peak periods to our interim
 visit.
- **Project management** Enhance project management oversight and effective communications between the audit team and management.

Appendix 2 – Communication requirements

Red	quired communication	Reference		
	Audit Service Plan			
	Our responsibilities under Canadian GAAS, including forming and expressing an opinion on the financial statements	CAS¹ 260.14		
2.	 An overview of the overall audit strategy, addressing: a. Timing of the audit b. Significant risks, including fraud risks c. Nature and extent of specialized skill or knowledge needed to perform the planned audit procedures related to significant risk 	CAS 260.15		
3.	Significant transactions outside of the normal course of business, including related party transactions	CAS 260 App. 2, CAS 550.27		
End	quiries of those charged with governance			
4.	How those charged with governance exercise oversight over management's process for identifying and responding to the risk of fraud and the internal control that management has established to mitigate these risks	CAS 240.21		
5.	Any known suspected or alleged fraud affecting the Region	CAS 240.22		
6.	Whether the Region is in compliance with laws and regulations	CAS 250.15		
Yea	ar-end communication			
7.	Modification to our audit plan and strategy	CAS 260.A26		
8.	Fraud or possible fraud identified through the audit process	CAS 240.4042		
9.	Significant accounting policies, practices, unusual transactions, and our related conclusions	CAS 260.16 a.		
10.	Alternative treatments for accounting policies and practices that have been discussed with management during the current audit period	CAS 260.16 a.		
11.	Matters related to going concern	CAS 570.25		
12.	Management judgments and accounting estimates	CAS 260.16 a.		
13.	Significant difficulties, if any, encountered during the audit	CAS 260.16 b.		
14.	Material written communications between management and us, including management representation letters	CAS 260.16 c.		
15.	Circumstances that affect the form and the content of the auditor's report	CAS 260.16d.		
16.	Modifications to our opinion	CAS 260.A21		
17.	Our views of significant accounting or auditing matters for which management consulted with other accountants and about which we have concerns	CAS 260.A22		
18.	Significant matters discussed with management	CAS 260.A.22		

¹ CAS: Canadian Auditing Standards – CAS are issued by the Auditing and Assurance Standards Board of CPA Canada

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Required communication Reference		
19. Matters involving non-compliance with laws and regulations that come to our attention, unless prohibited by law or regulation, including illegal or possibly illegal acts that come to our attention	CAS 250.23	
20. Significant deficiencies in internal control, if any, identified by us in the conduct of the audit of the financial statements	CAS 265	
21. Uncorrected misstatements and disclosure items	CAS 450.12-13,	
22. Any significant matters arising during the audit in connection with the Region's related parties	CAS 550.27	

Appendix 3 – New and revised Canadian Public Sector Accounting Standards

The following is a summary of certain new or revised accounting standards that will become effective in fiscal 2023 and beyond.

Canadian Public Sector Accounting Standards

Topic	Description	Effective Date
Section PS 1201 - Financial statement presentation	This Section establishes general reporting principles and standards for the disclosure of information in government financial statements.	This Section applies in the period Section PS 2601 Foreign currency translation, and Section PS 3450 - Financial instruments, are adopted. Earlier adoption is permitted.
Section PS 2601 - Foreign currency translation	This Section establishes standards on how to account for and report transactions that are denominated in a foreign currency in government financial statements.	This Section is effective for (i) Government organizations - April 1, 2012; and (ii) Governments - April 1, 2022. Earlier adoption is permitted.
		Effective April 1, 2022, earlier application is permitted.
Section PS 3041 - Portfolio investments	This Section establishes standards on how to account for and report portfolio investments in government financial statements.	This Section applies in the period Section PS 1201 - Financial statement presentation, Section PS 2601 Foreign currency translation, and Section PS 3450 - Financial instruments, earlier application is permitted.
Section PS 3400 - Revenue This Section establishes standards on how to account for and report on revenue. Specifically, it differentiates between revenue arising from transactions that include performance obligations and transactions that do not have performance obligations.		Effective for fiscal years beginning on or after April 1, 2022. Earlier adoption is permitted. The Section may be applied retroactively or prospectively.
Section PS 3450 - Financial instruments	This Section establishes standards on how to account for and report all types of financial instruments including derivatives.	This section is effective for: (i) Government organizations - April 1, 2012 (ii) Governments - April 1, 2022. Governments and government organizations would also adopt Section PS 2601 Foreign currency translation, at the same time. Earlier adoption is permitted.

Appendix 4 – Deloitte resources a click away

At Deloitte, we are devoted to excellence in the provision of professional services and advice, always focused on client service. We have developed a series of resources, which contain relevant and timely information.

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Canada's Best Managed Companies (www.bestmanagedcompanies.ca) Target audience • Directors and CEO/CFO	The Canada's Best Managed Companies designation symbolizes Canadian corporate success: companies focused on their core vision, creating stakeholder value and excelling in the global economy.
Centre for financial reporting (https://www.iasplus.com/en-ca/standards)	Web site designed by Deloitte to provide the most comprehensive information on the web about financial reporting frameworks used in Canada.
Target audienceDirectors and CEO/CFOController and Financial reporting team	
Deloitte Viewpoints (https://www.iasplus.com/en-ca/tag-types/deloitte-viewpoints)	Electronic communications that helps you to stay on top of standard-setting initiatives impacting financial reporting in Canada.
Target audience	
• CFO	
• Controller and Financial reporting team	
CFO's corner (https://www.iasplus.com/en-ca/cfos-corner)	Editorial providing insights into key trends, developments, issues and challenges executives face, with a Deloitte point of view.
Target audience	
CFO and VP Finance	
Controller and Financial reporting team	
Deloitte Dbriefs (https://www.iasplus.com/en-ca/dbriefs/webcasts)	Learning webcasts offered throughout the year featuring our professionals discussing critical issues that affect your business.
	Recent publications (ASPE)
Targeted audience	• <u>Revenue (Jan 13, 2020)</u>
CFO and VP Finance	 Accounting for shares issued in tax planning arrangements (ROMRS) (Dec, 18, 2019)
Controller and Financial reporting team	• Agriculture (Dec 18, 2019)