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REPORT TITLE: **2019 Region of Peel Sinking Funds Financial Statements**

FROM: Stephen Van Ofwegen, Commissioner of Finance and Chief Financial Officer

OBJECTIVE

To present the unaudited 2019 Region of Peel Sinking Funds financial statements.

REPORT HIGHLIGHTS

- The 2019 Sinking Funds financial statements reflect the financial position, financial operations, and cash flows of the Region's Sinking Funds.
 - The 2019 Sinking Funds financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards.
 - The Region of Peel Sinking Funds are separate funds maintained for the purpose of providing periodic payments for debt to be retired by means of sinking funds.
 - Deloitte has completed their annual audit of the Sinking Funds financial statements and is expected to issue an unmodified audit opinion on April 16, 2020.
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DISCUSSION

1. Background

Sinking Funds are established upon the issuance of sinking fund debentures, and managed separately, as per *Municipal Act, 2001* (section 409), with an estimated amount contributed annually to the Sinking Fund which, with interest compounded annually, will be sufficient to pay the principal of the debentures at maturity.

The Region maintains sinking funds for its own debt, as well as sinking fund debt issued on behalf of the Town of Caledon and City of Brampton.

The Region's Treasurer and the Director, Treasury Services meet annually with the Sinking Funds Retirement Committee. The Committee composed of the Region's Treasurer, Director, Treasury Services and the Treasurers of the three local municipalities review and receive the Auditor's Report and Sinking Funds financial statements.

2. Findings

a) Highlights from the 2019 Sinking Funds Financial Statements

The 2019 Sinking Funds financial statements have been provided in Appendix I.

2019 Region of Peel Sinking Funds Financial Statements

The table below presents highlights from the 2019 Sinking Funds Statement of Financial Position, along with comments on the major variances.

Statement of Financial Position (In \$000s)

	2019 Actuals	2018 Actuals	Favourable/ (Unfavourable)
Financial Assets (A)	327,430	270,146	57,284
Liabilities (B)	321,780	265,817	(55,963)
Net Financial Assets C = (A-B)	5,650	4,329	1,321

Financial assets include cash and assets that can be quickly converted to cash. The increase in the financial assets during the year relates to sinking fund contributions made by the Region, Town of Caledon and City of Brampton, as well as investment income earned during 2019.

Liabilities represent obligations that require future payment or services. For the Sinking Fund, this represents the estimated Sinking Fund balance required as of December 31, 2019, using a target rate of return for each debt series and the annual sinking fund contributions.

Net Financial Assets are an indicator of the Sinking Funds ability to finance future activities, such as the repayment of the related debt.

b) Audit Results

The *Municipal Act, 2001* requires that the sinking funds be audited on an annual basis by the external auditor who audits the municipality. Deloitte conducts the audit of the annual Sinking Funds financial statements.

The 2019 Auditor's Report reflects Deloitte's opinion that the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the sinking funds of the Regional Municipality of Peel as at December 31, 2019, and the results of its operations, change in net financial assets and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards.

It is anticipated that the signed Auditor's Report will be issued by Deloitte on April 16, 2020.

CONCLUSION

The 2019 Region of Peel Sinking Funds financial statements are presented for the Audit and Risk Committee's review.

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APPENDICES

Appendix I – 2019 Region of Peel Sinking Funds Financial Statements

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