



**Report**  
**Staff Report**  
The Corporation of the City of Brampton  
**6/10/2024**

**Date:** 2024-05-09

**Subject:** **2023 Audited Consolidated Financial Statements for the City of Brampton**

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**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. That the report from Maja Kuzmanov, Senior Manager, Accounting Services/Deputy Treasurer to the Audit Committee Meeting of June 10, 2024, re: **2023 Audited Consolidated Financial Statements for the City of Brampton**, be received;
2. That **2023 Audited Consolidated Financial Statements for the City of Brampton**, be approved.

**OVERVIEW:**

- **The 2023 Audited Consolidated Financial Statements from the City Auditor KPMG LLP Chartered Accountants are being presented to the Audit Committee for approval.**
- **The consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Canadian Public Sector Accounting Standards (PSAS). There are five new standards (PS 1201, 2601, 3041, 3280, 3450) that are effective for City's consolidated financial statements for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2023.**
- **These consolidated financial statements reflect the financial position as at December 31, 2023 and the operating results for the year for the City, its Local Boards and Committees of Council including The Brampton Public Library Board and the Downtown Brampton Business Improvement Area.**
- **The financial reporting standards do not change the City's budgeting process, how the tax levy is calculated or how funding decisions are made by Council.**

- **A reconciliation of the operating results for tax levy purposes and PSAS adjusted consolidated financial statements is provided in Schedule A of this report.**
- **As part of the annual audit, the City Auditor, KPMG<sub>LLP</sub> Chartered Accountants, conducted a review of Internal Controls and provides an Audit Findings Report to the Audit Committee.**
- **KPMG<sub>LLP</sub> did not identify any process improvement areas or control deficiencies.**
- **KPMG<sub>LLP</sub> did not identify any corrected or uncorrected misstatements.**

## **BACKGROUND:**

The audit of the 2023 Consolidated Financial Statements by the City Auditor, KPMG<sub>LLP</sub> Chartered Accountants is complete and the statements are attached to this report (Appendix A – The Corporation of the City of Brampton; Appendix B – Trust Funds). The work KPMG<sub>LLP</sub> performed is conducted in accordance with Canadian Generally Accepted Auditing Standards (GAAP) and relevant ethical requirements, including those pertaining to independence. The work is also planned and performed to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

The 2023 Audited Consolidated Financial Statements for the City of Brampton reflect the financial position as at December 31, 2023 and the results of operations for the year for the City and its Local Boards and Committees of Council. The following Local Boards and Committees of Council which are included in these consolidated financial statements are accountable for the administration of their financial affairs and resources to the City and are owned or controlled by the City:

- The Brampton Public Library Board
- Downtown Brampton Business Improvement Area (DBBIA)

The consolidated financial statements for the 2023 fiscal year have been prepared in compliance with the requirements of the Public Sector Accounting Standards (PSAS). The consolidated financial statements are presented to the Audit Committee for review and approval, which are part of the key statutory functions of the Audit Committee.

## **CURRENT SITUATION:**

### **Audit Results**

KPMG<sub>LLP</sub> audited the consolidated financial statements of the City for the fiscal year **2023**. These consolidated financial statements are the responsibility of the City's management. The audit resulted in KPMG<sub>LLP</sub> issuing an unqualified audit opinion, which means that the consolidated financial statements present fairly the financial position and comply with PSAS.

## **Report Summary**

The consolidated financial statements presented in this report comprise the following statements:

- Consolidated Statement of Financial Position
- Consolidated Statement of Operations and Accumulated Surplus
- Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows
- Consolidated Statement of Change in Net Financial Assets, and
- Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements

The consolidated financial statements provide information on the City's financial position including the value of assets and liabilities, cost of delivering the City's municipal services and investment in capital projects, financing sources and investing activities.

The City of Brampton's consolidated financial statements are prepared in accordance with PSAS.

There are five new standards that are effective for City's consolidated financial statements for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2023:

- PS 1201 'Financial Statement Presentation'
- PS 2601 'Foreign Currency Translation'
- PS 3041 'Portfolio Investments'
- PS 3280 'Asset Retirement Obligations'
- PS 3450 'Financial Instruments'

PSAS requires full accrual basis of accounting and financial reporting. This provides for inclusion of certain items such as amortization of tangible capital assets and tangible capital assets contributed to the City through the subdivision assumption process.

The City uses a full accrual basis budgeting methodology. This methodology does not change how the tax levy is calculated, or how funding decisions are made by City Council. The 2023 Audited Consolidated Financial Statements reflects full accrual budget figures for comparison purposes.

Appendix C shows the 2023 fiscal year tax-based operating results versus that of the PSAS based financial reporting.

## **New PSAS Standards**

There are five new standards that are effective for City's consolidated financial statements for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2023:

- PS 1201 'Financial Statement Presentation' replaces PS 1200 'Financial Statement Presentation'. The new standard clarifies presentation for re-measurement of derivatives. There is no proposed financial or disclosure impact to City's consolidated financial statements for this new standard for the December 31, 2023 year-end.

- PS 2601 'Foreign Currency Translation' replaces PS 2600 'Foreign Currency Translation' and defines the measurement of foreign currency conversions. There is no proposed financial or disclosure impact to City's consolidated financial statements for this new standard for the December 31, 2023 year-end.
- PS 3041 'Portfolio Investments' is a new standard and defines requirements for investments to be measured at either fair value or amortized cost method. There is no proposed financial or disclosure impact to City's consolidated financial statements for this new standard for the December 31, 2023 year-end.
- PS 3280 'Asset Retirement Obligations' is a new standard that will replace PS 3270 'Solid waste landfill closure and post-closure liability'. This new standard is larger in scope, as it includes all assets with a retirement obligation and not just the previously reported landfill liability. The proposed financial impact to the City of Brampton consolidated financial statements for the December 31, 2023 year-end is an increase of approximately \$8 million to liabilities, and a corresponding decrease in accumulated surplus. Asset Retirement Obligations are recorded on the consolidated financial statements as a liability and are based on accrual accounting. As such, there is no direct cash flow or budgetary impact to the City.
- PS 3450 'Financial Instruments' is a new standard that prescribes the treatment for measurement of financial instruments (at fair value or amortized cost). There is no proposed financial impact to City's consolidated financial statements for this new standard for the December 31, 2023 year-end.

### **Highlights of 2023 Consolidated Financial Statements:**

#### **Consolidated Statement of Financial Position**

The Consolidated Statement of Financial Position provides information on the financial assets, liabilities and accumulated surplus. Two key components make up accumulated surplus: net financial assets and non-financial assets (tangible capital assets, inventory and prepaid expenses).

- "Net Financial Assets" is the net of assets (cash, investments, receivables and other assets) minus liabilities (accounts payable, capital lease obligation, deferred revenues and employee benefits and other liabilities) generated from the City's operations, activities of capital projects and Reserves and Reserve Funds. This value serves as a key indicator of the City's ability to manage its cash resources to meet its financial obligations. The City's 2023 net financial assets had a balance of \$280 million (2022 - \$292 million), a decrease of \$12 million from 2022.
- "Non-Financial Assets" primarily consists of the City's investment in tangible capital assets of \$4.3 billion (2022 - \$4.1 billion). An increase in tangible capital assets is attributable to the combination of assets constructed by the City and brought into service and assets contributed to the City through the subdivision assumption process. Increase in tangible capital assets reflect the City as a growth municipality.

The accumulated surplus (retained earnings) as at December 31, 2023 is \$4.6 billion (2022 - \$4.4 billion), an increase of \$144 million.

**Key items to note:**

- **Decrease in cash, short-term and**
  - Cash and short-term investments decreased from \$326 million in 2022 to \$181 million in 2023. The decrease in balance was partly due to year over year higher cash outflow for capital projects (mainly driven by one-off land purchases) and partly due to reallocating a portion of short-term investments to the long-term investments to optimize the return on the overall portfolio.
- **Increase in long-term investment balances**
  - City increased the allocation to longer-term investments to improve the overall earnings while ensuring a prudent amount of liquidity was maintained to meet the cash flow requirements for operating and capital needs. As a result, long-term investments increased from \$972 million in 2022 to \$1,059 million in 2023.
- **Increase in Taxes Receivable**
  - Taxes receivable increased from \$74 million in 2022 to \$108 million in 2023. It is likely that continuous high inflation and interest rates experienced throughout 2023 caused pressure on homeowners' budgets.
- **City Hall West Tower Capital Lease Obligation**
  - In 2014, the City entered into a capital lease arrangement for City Hall West Tower. The lease value has been recorded in the City's consolidated financial statements as a tangible capital asset (TCA) with a corresponding capital lease obligation with remaining balance of \$76 million as at December 31, 2023.
- **Deferred Revenue - Obligatory Reserve Funds**
  - Any unspent development charges (DCs), gas tax funds and other obligatory reserves at the end of the fiscal year are recorded as deferred revenue. Deferred revenue decreased by \$20 million from \$716 in 2022 to \$696 in 2023 caused by the timing of capital project spending as well as increase in obligatory reserve receipts.

- **Employee Benefits and Other Liabilities**
  - Employee benefits and other liabilities increased from \$122 million in 2022 to \$129 million in 2023 mainly due to increase in actuarial valuations for vested sick leave, WSIB liability and early retirement liability.
- **Long-term Liabilities**
  - In 2019 and 2021 the City acquired long-term sinking fund debt managed and issued by the Region of Peel. The City has the responsibility for the annual contribution towards sinking funds that would be used to extinguish the debt at maturity. As at December 31, 2023 unsecured debenture net of sinking fund deposits was \$40 million (2022 - \$41 million).
- **Net Book Value of Tangible Capital Assets**
  - An increase of \$154 million due to the infrastructure assets assumed from developers through subdivision agreements, property acquisitions, purchase of transit buses, road construction activities as well as facility construction.

The Net Financial Assets position continues to be in a strong, positive position, which signifies that the City is fully able to meet its financial obligations.

### **Consolidated Statement of Operations and Accumulated Surplus**

The Consolidated Statement of Operations and Accumulated Surplus presents the sources and uses of City's operating financial resources recognized in the reporting period.

Accumulated Surplus represents the City's equity (equivalent to retained earnings of a private business). 94% of the City's Accumulated Surplus represents the City's investment (net book value) in tangible capital assets required to deliver municipal services. The remainder of the Accumulated Surplus consists of funds committed for capital projects, reserves and reserve funds. Most of Accumulated Surplus is therefore not available to be used to moderate the annual tax levy since it would require selling City assets that are used to deliver municipal services.

The 2023 Annual Surplus was \$67 million higher than in 2022. The year over year increase was mainly due to additional obligatory reserve fund contributions, user fees and property taxation.

### **Revenues:**

Total revenues in 2023 were \$145 million higher than 2022 increasing from \$989 million to \$1,134 million. Major factors contributing to this increase include:

- \$41 million increase in User Charges primarily in Transit and Recreation divisions. Transit realized an increase in its fare payment revenue of \$30 million

in comparison to 2022 actuals. This is due to the return of ridership in the second half of the year, with December rides surpassing pre-COVID levels by over 30%. Recreation revenues surpassed pre-COVID levels recording an all-time high. There has been an increase of \$10 million in Program Registration, Lessons Swim/Skate, Ice and Facility rentals as well as Yearly Fitness Passes revenues over 2022 actuals

- \$74 million increase in Development Levies Earned and Other Restricted Capital Contributions due to higher spending on capital project portfolio
- \$43 million increase in Property Taxation and Taxation from Other Governments
- Recognition of remaining \$23 million Safe Restart funding

Revenue increases were partially offset by:

- Lower number of subdivisions assumed from developers resulted in a \$39 million decrease in the Developer contributed tangible capital assets

### **Expenses:**

Total operating expenses in 2023 were \$78 million higher than 2022, increasing from \$912 million to \$990 million. Included in this is a \$4 million increase in amortization expense representing the value of tangible capital assets that were consumed during the year. The amortization expense increased due to the \$316 million in new tangible capital assets that were added during 2023. Amortization expenses are non-cash in nature, meaning that there was no outlay of cash resources related to the expense.

Following are key items driving the operating expense variance from 2022 to 2023:

- Increase in labour expenses, primarily driven by resumption and increase in programs and services with the highest impact being in Transit, Recreation, Public Works and Parks
- Expense increases in the areas of vehicle repairs and maintenance, commission expense, outside service applications, demand maintenance and contracted services were seen throughout the City with biggest impact in Transit and Information Technology
- Increase in WSIB fees
- \$7 million increase in post-employment benefits and other liabilities

### **Consolidated Statement of Change in Net Financial Assets**

This statement explains the change in the City's Accumulated Surplus during the year. It is intended to provide the reader of the consolidated financial statements with detailed information on non-financial assets including the acquisition of tangible capital assets and the use of the assets through the value of amortization. This statement also provides reporting of other non-financial asset items that impact the change in annual surplus and the change in net financial assets.

## **Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows**

The Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows reports changes in cash and cash equivalents. It provides information on how the City uses its cash for operating, investing and financing activities. As at December 31, 2023 the City's cash and cash equivalents had a balance of \$181 million (2022 - \$326 million).

## **Audit Findings Report**

Each year as part of the annual audit, the City Auditor, KPMG<sub>LLP</sub> Chartered Accountants, conducts a review of Internal Controls and provides an Audit Findings Report to the Audit Committee with recommendations for improvement and accompanying management responses.

The 2023 Audit Findings Report from KPMG<sub>LLP</sub> Chartered Accountants is attached to this report (Appendix D).

KPMG<sub>LLP</sub> is prepared to issue an unmodified opinion that the City's Consolidated Financial Statements as at December 31, 2023 present fairly, in all material respects, the corporation's consolidated financial position, results of operations, change in net financial assets and cash flows in accordance with PSAS.

KPMG<sub>LLP</sub> did not identify any process improvement areas or control deficiencies and there are no corrected or uncorrected misstatements.

## **Publication**

The 2023 Consolidated Financial Statements will be made public and posted on the City's website.

## **CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS:**

There are no corporate implications resulting from this report.

## **Term of Council Priorities:**

- This report fulfils the Council Priority of a Well-Run City through strict adherence to effective financial management policies and supports Brampton's 2040 Vision by ensuring sustainable financial operations.

## **CONCLUSION:**

KPMG<sub>LLP</sub> audited the consolidated financial statements of the City for the fiscal year 2023. These consolidated financial statements are the responsibility of the City's management. The audit resulted in KPMG<sub>LLP</sub> issuing an unqualified audit opinion, which means that the consolidated financial statements present fairly the financial position and comply with PSAS municipal financial reporting requirements.



KPMG<sub>LLP</sub> Chartered Accountants also conducted a review of Internal Controls and provides an Audit Findings Report to the Audit Committee with recommendations for improvement.

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**Attachments:**

- Attachment 1 – Appendix A - 2023 Audited Financial Statements – The Corporation of the City of Brampton
- Attachment 2 – Appendix B - 2023 Audited Financial Statements – Trust Funds
- Attachment 3 – Appendix C - 2023 Municipal Surplus Reconciliations, Tax Levy Purpose vs Financial Statements
- Attachment 4 – Appendix D - Audit Findings Report (for the year ended December 31, 2023)