



# The Oakville Public Library Board

Audit Findings Report for the year ended December 31, 2024

KPMG LP

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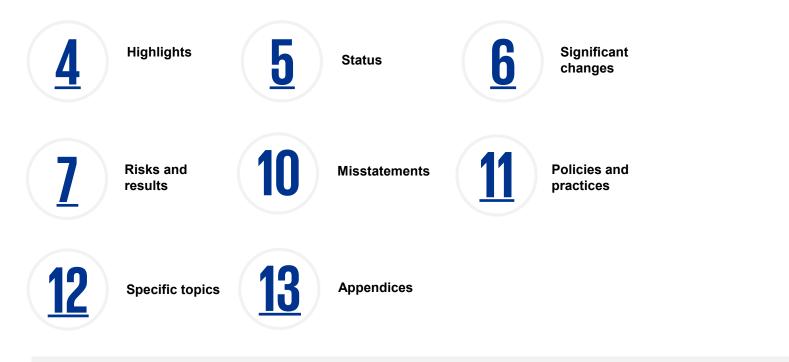


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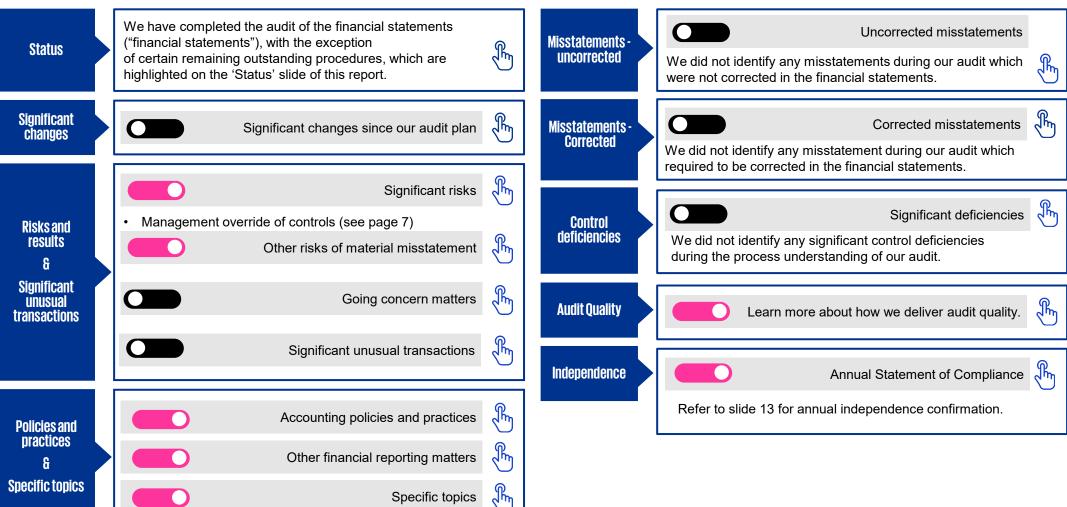
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### **Audit highlights**

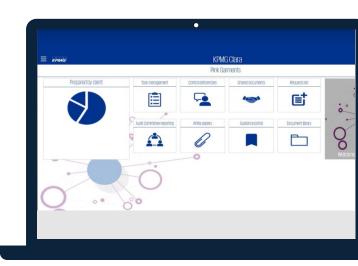
No matters to report

Matters to report – see link for details





### KPMG Clara for Clients (KCfc)



#### Real-time collaboration and transparency

We leveraged **KCfc** to facilitate real-time collaboration with management and provide visual insights into the status of the audit!

On our audit we used KCfc to coordinate requests from management.



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### **Status**

As of April 22, 2025 we have completed the audit of the financial statements, with the exception of certain remaining procedures, which include amongst others:

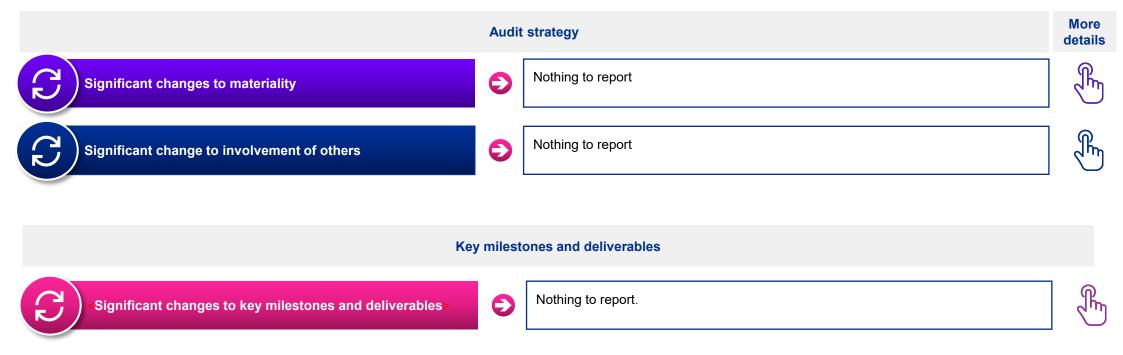
- Final completion procedures and obtaining signed management representation letter
- Completing our discussions with the Audit Committee
- Obtaining evidence of the Board of Director's approval of the financial statements

We will update the Audit Committee, and not solely the Chair, on significant matters, if any, arising from the completion of the audit, including the completion of the above procedures.

A draft of our auditor's report is provided in Appendix: Draft Auditor's Report, will be dated upon the completion of <u>any</u> remaining procedures.

### **Significant changes**

We have made the following significant changes since our communication in the Audit Planning Report:



## Significant risks and results

We highlight our significant findings in respect of significant risk.

Significant risk	Estimate?	Key audit matter?
	No	No
raud risk arising from management override of controls refers to the potential for management to ypass established procedures and internal controls, thereby manipulating financial reporting and oncealing fraudulent activities.		

Our response

- To respond to the risk of management override of controls we test the appropriateness of journal entries and other adjustments and evaluate the existence of any management bias in the preparation of accounting estimates.
- In responding to risks of fraud and management override of controls, we set specific criteria to isolate high risk journal entries and adjustments in order to analyze for further insights into our audit procedures and findings. We focused on journal entries that could possible be related to override activities.
- No issues were noted based on the completion of our journal entry testing.

Significant qualitative aspects of the Company's accounting practices

No evidence of bias observed in selection or application of the Corporation's accounting policies and practices or in the development of estimates.



## Significant risks and results



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#### Investments and investment income

#### Significant findings

- We completed substantive procedures by vouching to third party evidence of the year-end balances and annual movements during the period without issue, achieving 100% coverage of the investment population.
- Based on the nature of the Library's investments, we have not identified any potential indicators of impairment at this time.

#### Tangible capital assets

#### Significant findings

- We have substantially tested a sample of material additions and disposals to capital assets, vouching to third party support in each instance.
- We have recalculated management's amortization adjustments throughout the year and completed a roll-forward of the tangible capital assets schedule without issue.



#### Government grants

#### Significant findings

- Consistent with our planned approach, we have agreed the operating grant between the Town of Oakville and the Library without issue by confirming the grant amount with Town management.
- We have obtained support for the annual renewals of recurring third party grants and noted no issues with the recognition of revenue related to previously deferred grants. We have no issues to report in this area of focus.





### Significant risks and results



#### Post-employment benefit liability

#### Significant findings

- In the prior year, we audited the census data sent to management's third party actuary, whose report is used to prepare the estimate related to the post-employment benefit liability.
- In the current year, we obtained the actuary's annual update to the full report provided in the prior period.
- We assessed key assumptions and benchmarked against sector standards, noting no issues with the rates and assumptions used by the actuary in their report.
- We note management has prepared the estimate based on the actuary's report in a manner consistent with past years and in line with public sector standards. No issues to report.



Operating expenditures, including payroll and related accruals

#### Significant findings

- We have tested a sample of operating expenses and utilized substantive analytical procedures to obtain assurance over the relevant assertions with respect to these areas.
- Based on our results, we have not identified any material adjustments which were required with regards to year-end accruals for expenses, including payroll expenses. We did not identify any issues with respect to cut-off or year-end accruals.



## **Corrected and uncorrected misstatements**

Corrected and uncorrected misstatements include financial presentation and disclosure misstatements.



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#### Impact of corrected and uncorrected misstatements - None noted

- Based on the results of our audit procedures and the execution of our audit based on our audit plan, we have not identified any material audit adjustments which we have proposed to management for correction.
- The threshold for posting audit misstatements was \$18,450 (2023 \$17,600). As we have not identified any potential misstatements which exceed this threshold, there are no matters which we are required to bring to your attention with respect to audit misstatements.



## **Accounting policies and practices**



Description of new or revised significant accounting policies and practices

PS 3400 - Revenue

Previous standards provided guidance for revenue recognition on primary revenue streams such as taxation revenue and government grants. The new standard provides general recognition guidance to provide consistency for other streams not previously covered by existing public sector standards.

PSG-8 – Purchased Intangibles

This standard governs recognition of intangible assets which were acquired through an exchange transaction, namely an arm's length exchange between two willing parties (as opposed to inter-entity transfers, which are excluded).

PS 3160 – Public Private Partnerships

Public private partnerships ("P3s") are an alternative procurement and finance model where public sector entities purchase infrastructure using a private sector partner.

Each of the above standards were adopted and implemented by the Library as required by Public Sector Accounting Standards and did not have an impact on the Library.



# **Specific topics**

We have highlighted the following that we would like to to your attention:

No matters to report
No matters to report



### Independence

As a firm, we are committed to being and being seen to be independent. We have strict rules and protocols to maintain our independence that meet or exceed those of the IESBA Code<sup>1</sup> and CPA Code. The following are the actions or safeguards applied to reduce or eliminate threats to an acceptable level:



Dedicated ethics & independence partners



Process for reporting breaches of professional standards and policy, and documented disciplinary policy

International proprietary system

used to evaluate and document

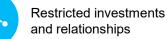
threats to independence and those arising from conflicts of interest



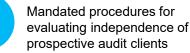
Ethics, independence and integrity training for all staff



Operating polices, procedures and guidance contained in our quality & risk management manual









Annual ethics and independence confirmation for staff

#### **Statement of compliance**

We confirm that, as of the date of this communication, **we are independent** of the Library and its related entities in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Canada.

# **Appendices**

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 Required communications

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Audit quality

# **Appendix: Draft auditor's report**

Refer to copy of auditor's report attached to the draft financial statements included within the meeting package. The planned auditor's report is unqualified.



### **Appendix: Other required communications**

**Engagement terms** 

A copy of the engagement letter and any subsequent amendments is available to the Committee.

We confirm there have been no changes to the most recently executed engagement letter since initial approval. **CPAB** communication protocol

The reports available through the following links were published by the Canadian Public Accountability Board to inform Audit Committees and other stakeholders about the results of quality inspections conducted over the past year:

- <u>CPAB Regulatory Oversight Report: 2023 Annual Inspections Results</u>
- <u>CPAB Audit Quality Insights Report: 2024 Interim Inspections Results</u>
- <u>CPAB Regulatory Oversight Report: 2024 Annual Inspections Results</u>

# **Appendix: Management representation letter(s)**

A management representation letter will be provided to the Town for signature prior to the release of our auditor's report.



# Appendix: Audit quality - How do we deliver audit quality?

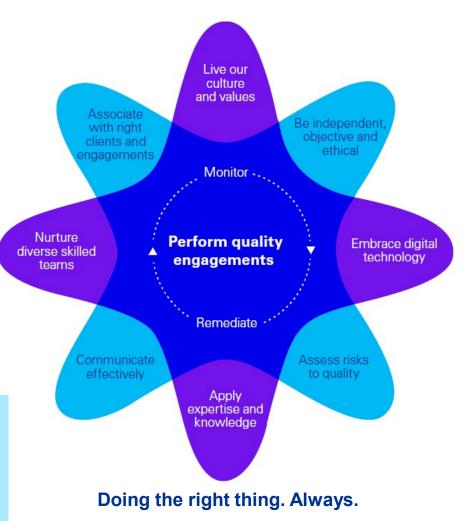
Quality essentially means doing the right thing and remains our highest priority. Our Global Quality Framework outlines how we deliver quality and how every partner and staff member contributes to its delivery.

The drivers outlined in the framework are the ten components of the KPMG System of Quality Management (SoQM). Aligned with ISQM 1/CSQM 1, our SoQM components also meet the requirements of the International Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including International Independence Standards) issued by the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants (IESBA) and the relevant rules of professional conduct / code of ethics applicable to the practice of public accounting in Canada, which apply to professional services firms that perform audits of financial statements. Our Transparency Report includes our firm's Statement on the Effectiveness of our SoQM.

### KPMG 2023 Audit Quality and Transparency Report

We define 'audit quality' as being the outcome when:

- audits are **executed consistently**, in line with the requirements and intent of **applicable professional standards** within a strong **system of quality management;** and
- all of our related activities are undertaken in an environment of the utmost level of **objectivity, independence, ethics** and **integrity.**





# Appendix: Newly effective and upcoming changes to auditing standards

For more information on newly effective and upcoming changes to auditing standards – see Current Developments



#### Effective for periods beginning on or after December 15, 2023

### **ISA 600/CAS 600**

Revised special considerations – Audits of group financial statements

#### Effective for periods beginning on or after December 15, 2024

### ISA 260/CAS 260

Communications with those charged

with governance

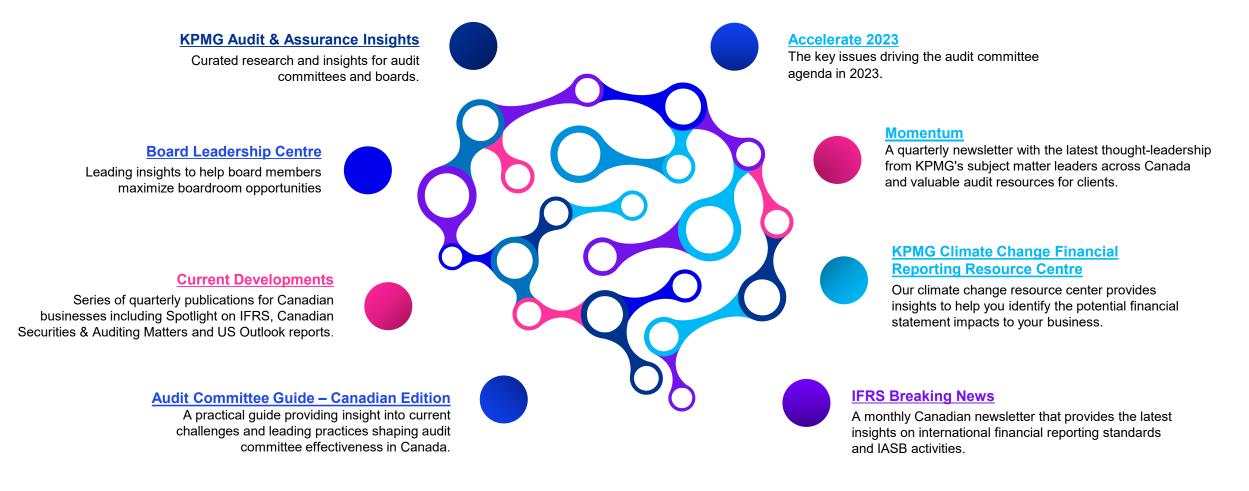
### ISA 700/CAS 700

Forming an opinion and reporting on the financial statements



# **Appendix: Audit and assurance insights**

Our latest thinking on the issues that matter most to Audit Committees, board of directors and management.





# **Appendix: Continuous evolution**

### **Our investment: \$5B**

We are in the midst of a five-year investment to develop our people, digital capabilities, and advanced technology.

### **Responsive delivery model**

Tailored to you to drive impactful outcomes around the quality and effectiveness of our audits.

### **Result: A better experience**

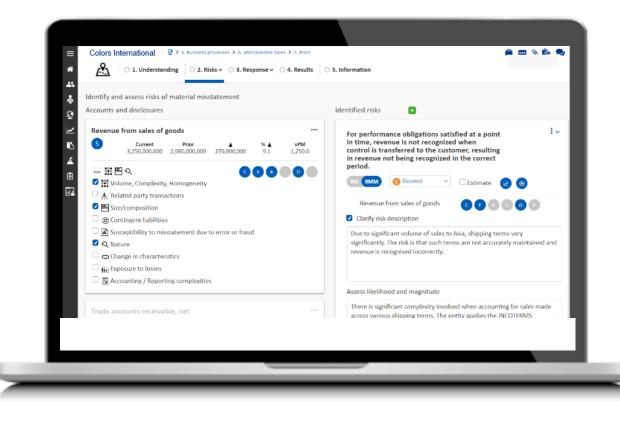
Enhanced quality, reduced disruption, increased focus on areas of higher risk, and deeper insights into your business.





# **Appendix: KPMG Clara Generative Al**

With our global alliance partner Microsoft, we have embarked on a journey to embed Generative AI into our smart audit platform—KPMG Clara. This will make our auditors more productive and give them the tools to provide quicker feedback, make more insightful connections, and deliver a better audit experience.







#### Al done right

Although early adoption is key, we are focused on avoiding reliance on a 'black box' so we're building 'explainability' and 'traceability' at the core.



#### **Bolstered productivity**

Focused on removing time-consuming low value tasks, we'll apply our skills in other, more judgmental areas or in order to give insights to you.



#### Quality at our fingertips

We are teaching our model with our knowledge databases to capture our vast experience. This means quality information accessible in seconds.



#### **Secure integration**

KPMG Clara has been built on a solid and secure Azure Cloud backbone, allowing us to easily integrate Generative Al in partnership with Microsoft.

### **Celebrating our Canadian Heritage and Commitment**

**KPMG** puts Canada first as part of out commitment to our teams, clients and communities. We are one of Canada's largest professional services firms providing audit, tax, advisory and law services and can proudly say the following:

- Canadian-Owned and Operated. We are immensely proud to be 100% Canadian-owned and operated. When you choose us, you support a company deeply rooted in Canadian values, committed to the success of our nation. Our local decision-making ensures we understand and address the unique challenges and opportunities faced by Canadian businesses.
- **Investing in Our Communities.** Our success is intertwined with the wellbeing of the communities we serve. We actively participate in initiatives that foster growth, innovation, and prosperity across the country.
- Creating Opportunities and Building Expertise. As one of Canada's largest professional services firms, we provide jobs and opportunities to thousands of talented individuals. Our extensive network of professionals brings a wealth of knowledge and expertise, ensuring the highest quality of service for our clients.

As you consider your auditors and advisors of the future look to us to support you close to home.

Sincerely,

#### KPMG



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