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BLOG

BC AGLG OFFICE TO BE CLOSED

On February 24, 2020, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing Selina Robinson announced to Postmedia News, as reported by the Vancouver Sun, that the provincial government intends to phase out the Auditor General for Local Government (“AGLG”) and close the office entirely within the next couple years.

The office, initially established through the *Auditor General for Local Government Act*, [SBC 2012], was created “to conduct performance audits of the operations of local governments in order to provide local governments with objective information and relevant advice” and to “assist them in their accountability to their communities for the stewardship of public assets and the achievement of value for money in their operations” (s. 3). To date, the AGLG has completed and published some 30 performance audit reports, including examinations of policing agreements, police budget oversight, and achieving value for money in operational procurement. At this time, funding has been significantly reduced, and the AGLG’s role will be limited to completing its current projects.

We will update this matter when further information is available.

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