

MANAGEMENT'S RESPONSIBILITY FOR FINANCIAL REPORTING

The preparation of the consolidated financial statements of the Government of Yukon is the responsibility of management of the Department of Finance.

The consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) for senior governments. Where GAAP permits alternative accounting methods, management has chosen those that are most appropriate. Where required, management's best estimates and judgement have been applied in the preparation of these statements.

The Department of Finance maintains systems of financial management and control designed to provide timely and reliable information to users, to properly safeguard assets, and to ensure all financial transactions are in accordance with the *Yukon Act (Canada)*, *Financial Administration Act (Yukon)* and regulations.

The Auditor General of Canada performs an annual audit on the consolidated financial statements in order to express an opinion as to whether the consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Government, the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year. During the course of the audit, she also examines transactions that have come to her notice, to ensure they are, in all significant respects, in accordance with the statutory powers of the Government and those organizations included in the consolidation. After completion of the audit, the Auditor General of Canada includes additional information, comments and recommendations in her report to the Legislative Assembly.

Annually, the consolidated financial statements are tabled in the Legislative Assembly as part of the Public Accounts, and are referred to the Public Accounts Committee. The Public Accounts Committee is to report to the Legislative Assembly on the results of its examination together with any recommendations.



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