



Office of the Commissioner
Finance
Memorandum
FOR INFORMATION

To: Audit Committee
Meeting Date: June 13, 2024
From: Laura Mirabella
Commissioner of Finance and Regional Treasurer
Re: **2023 Financial Statements and Auditor's Report**

This memo summarizes the Region's 2023 financial activities, as required by the *Municipal Act, 2001*. Municipalities are required to prepare financial statements, appoint a licensed auditor to audit them and report the financial results to Council.

The Region reports consolidated financial results, which include all Regional departments and entities accountable to and controlled by the Region, including the York Region Police Services Board, Housing York Inc., York Region Rapid Transit Corporation, and YTN Telecom Network Inc.

The [2023 Financial Results – Unaudited Budget to Actual Comparison](#) was shared with Committee of the Whole on April 11, 2024. That report outlined year-end financial results using a modified accrual basis of accounting, consistent with the Region's budget. The Financial Statements were prepared using the full accrual basis of accounting required by the Public Sector Accounting Board, and the results differ accordingly.

On the full accrual basis of accounting, the Region's 2023 revenues exceeded expenses, resulting in an annual surplus of \$766.6 million. This surplus was \$248.0 million higher than expected in the budget.

The Region's annual surplus was driven by several factors, including the operating surplus, net investments in capital assets, and prudent saving for future needs through reserve contributions. At the end of 2023, the Region's reserves increased by \$591 million, to a balance of \$5.4 billion. These reserves are dedicated savings for future requirements, such as asset replacement, debt repayment, capital investments, and addressing corporate and contingent liabilities. The Region's reserves are a significant component of the Accumulated Surplus on the Consolidated Statement of Financial Position.

For the 26th consecutive year, the Region's 2022 Community Report received the Canadian Award of Excellence in Financial Reporting. This award from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) recognized the Region for easily readable and efficiently organized financial reports, and content conforming to reporting standards and GFOA guidelines. The Region also received the Popular Annual Financial Reporting Award for the 2022 Annual Community Report Highlights. The summary report further promotes transparency and citizen engagement, particularly for members of the public who may not have a background in finance.

Further analysis of the Region's financial results can be found in the attached 2023 Financial Statements and Auditor's Report and 2023 Treasurer's Report. The discussion and analysis, as well as the financial statements themselves, represent key parts of our accountability to residents and businesses in York Region.

For more information on this memo, please contact Jason Li, Director, Controllershship Office, at 1-877-464-9675 ext. 71683. Accessible formats or communication supports are available upon request.



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Attachment 1 – 2023 Financial Statements and Auditor's Report
Attachment 2 – 2023 Treasurer's Report