

Capital Regional District

625 Fisgard St., Victoria, BC V8W 1R7

Notice of Meeting and Meeting Agenda Capital Regional Hospital District Board

Wednesday, January 12, 2022

1:05 PM

6th Floor Boardroom 625 Fisgard Street Victoria, BC

The Capital Regional District strives to be a place where inclusion is paramount and all people are treated with dignity. We pledge to make our meetings a place where all feel welcome and respected.

1. TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

3.1. 22-031 Minutes of the November 10, 2021 Capital Regional Hospital District

Board

Recommendation: That the minutes of the November 10, 2021 Capital Regional Hospital District Board be

adopted as circulated.

Attachments: Minutes - November 10, 2021

4. REPORT OF THE CHAIR

5. PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

In keeping with directives from the Province of BC, there is limited space for the public to attend CRD Board meetings in-person at this time. However, the public may continue to view meeting materials and Live Webcasts online. If you wish to attend a meeting in-person, please email legserv@crd.bc.ca.

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Alternatively, you may email your comments on an agenda item to the CRD Board at crdboard@crd.bc.ca.

5.1. Presentations

5.1.1. 22-017 Presentation: CRHD 2021 Audit Planning, Lenora Lee, Lead Audit

Engagement Partner, KPMG (Verbal)

Recommendation: That the Capital Regional Hospital District 2021 Audit Planning verbal presentation be

received for information.

5.2. Delegations

6. CONSENT AGENDA

7. ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

7.1. Capital Regional Hospital District 2021 Audit Planning Discussion

Recommendation: That the Capital Regional Hospital District 2021 Audit Plan developed by KPMG be

approved. (NWA)

<u>Attachments:</u> Staff Report: CRHD 2021 Audit Planning

Appendix A: CRHD 2021 Audit Plan KPMG

8. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

9. BYLAWS

10. NOTICE(S) OF MOTION

11. NEW BUSINESS

12. ADJOURNMENT

Voting Key:

NWA - Non-weighted vote of all Directors

NWP - Non-weighted vote of participants (as listed)

WA - Weighted vote of all Directors

WP - Weighted vote of participants (as listed)



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Meeting Minutes

Capital Regional Hospital District Board

Wednesday, November 10, 2021

1:10 PM

6th Floor Boardroom 625 Fisgard Street Victoria, BC

INAUGURAL MEETING

PRESENT:

- D. Blackwell (Chair), R. Mersereau, (Acting Chair), S. Brice, B. Desjardins, F. Haynes, L. Helps,
- M. Hicks (EP), G. Holman, D. Howe (EP), B. Isitt (EP), J. Loveday, R. Martin, C. McNeil-Smith,
- K. Murdoch, G. Orr, C. Plant, J. Ranns, D. Screech, L. Seaton, M. Tait, N. Taylor, K. Williams,
- R. Windsor, G. Young

Staff: R. Lapham, Chief Administrative Officer; N. Chan, Chief Financial Officer; L. Hutcheson, General Manager, Parks and Environmental Services; K. Lorette, General Manager, Planning and Protective Services; K. Morley, General Manager, Corporate Services; T. Robbins, General Manager, Integrated Water Services; M. Lagoa, Deputy Corporate Officer; S. Orr, Senior Committee Clerk (Recorder)

Guest: R. Bortolin; Stewart McDannold Stuart, Barristers & Solicitors

EP - Electronic Participation

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chief Administrative Officer called the meeting to order at 1:31 pm.

2. TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Chief Administrative Officer provided a Territorial Acknowledgement in the preceding Capital Regional District Board meeting.

3. ELECTION OF THE CHAIR OF THE HOSPITAL DISTRICT BOARD

The Chief Administrative Officer called for nominations for the position of Chair of the Capital Regional Hospital District Board for 2022.

Director Brice nominated Director Blackwell. Director Blackwell accepted the nomination.

The Chief Administrative Officer called for nominations a second time.

The Chief Administrative Officer called for nominations a third and final time.

Hearing no further nominations, Chief Administrative Officer declared Director Blackwell Chair of the Capital Regional Hospital District Board by acclamation.

4. ELECTION OF THE ACTING CHAIR OF THE HOSPITAL DISTRICT BOARD

Chair Blackwell called for nominations of Acting Chair of the Capital Regional Hospital District Board for 2022.

Director Murdoch nominated Director Mersereau. Director Mersereau accepted the nomination.

Chair Blackwell called for nominations a second time.

Chair Blackwell called for nomination a third and final time.

Hearing no further nominations, Chair Blackwell declared Director Mersereau Acting Chair of the Capital Regional Hospital District Board for 2022 by acclamation.

5. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOVED by Director Seaton, SECONDED by Director Helps, That the agenda for the November 10, 2021 Session of the Capital Regional Hospital District Board be approved. CARRIED

6. INAUGURAL ADDRESS OF THE CHAIR

Chair Blackwell thanked the Board for electing her as Chair for the upcoming term

7. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

7.1. 21-835 Minutes of the October 13, 2021 and the minutes of the October 27, 2021 Capital Regional Hospital District Board Meetings

MOVED by Director Murdoch, SECONDED by Director Seaton, That the minutes of the Capital Regional Hospital District Board meetings of October 13, 2021 and October 27, 2021 be adopted as circulated. CARRIED

8. PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

There were no presentations or delegations.

9. CONSENT AGENDA

There were no consent agenda items.

10. ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

There were no administration reports.

11. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

11.1. 21-810

Revenue Anticipation Borrowing Resolution for Current Capital Regional Hospital District Operating Expenditures

MOVED by Director Screech, SECONDED by Director Murdoch,

That the Revenue Anticipation Resolution be adopted to allow the temporary borrowing of up to \$10 million for current Capital Regional Hospital District operating expenditures.

CARRIED

12. BYLAWS

There were no bylaws for consideration.

13. NOTICE(S) OF MOTION

There were no notice(s) of motion.

14. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

15. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Director Mersereau, SECONDED by Director Helps, That the November 10, 2021 Capital Regional Hospital District Board meeting be adjourned at 1:35 pm. CARRIED

CHAIR	
CERTIFIED CORRECT:	
CORPORATE OFFICER	



REPORT TO CAPITAL REGIONAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT BOARD MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12, 2022

SUBJECT Capital Regional Hospital District 2021 Audit Planning Discussion

ISSUE SUMMARY

This report provides information to Capital Regional Hospital District Board (the Board) on the 2021 Audit Plan and related work to be completed by KPMG for the 2021 year-end audit of the Capital Regional Hospital District (CRHD).

BACKGROUND

Under Section 17 of the *Hospital District Act* the auditor of the CRD are also considered the auditors of the CRHD and under Section 377 of the *Local Government Act*, the CRD Board is required to appoint an auditor licensed under the *Business Corporations Act*. KPMG was appointed by the CRD Board for the upcoming audit.

Consistent with the approach from previous years, the auditors circulate the audit plan to the Board for information prior to the start of the audit. KPMG will make a presentation to the Board to review the 2021 annual Audit Planning Report (Appendix A), as a fundamental component of the CRHD's annual financial statement audit. This standard audit procedure is similarly undertaken by other local governments in the region.

The presentation will provide the Board with an overview of the audit strategy and approach that KPMG will use in addressing any significant risks. The audit plan is designed to identify and address key financial reporting risks, including fraud, by evaluating the existence, quality and effectiveness of management's internal controls over financial reporting. KPMG notes, in Appendix A, that they have not identified any areas of significant financial reporting risks. However, there is a presumed fraud risk around revenue and management override of controls. KPMG addresses this risk by performing testing of journal entries and other adjustments, performing a retrospective review of estimates and evaluating the business rationale of significant unusual transactions. Additionally, at the Board meeting, KPMG will obtain the Board's views on the risk of fraud for the CRHD.

KPMG will present to the Board an overview of the audit cycle, timetable and specific areas that the audit will focus on, including Board meeting minutes for any financial implications, and the land valuation and costs relating to the demolition and of Oak Bay Lodge. KPMG will provide the basis of audit materiality they deem necessary to evaluate any misstatements they identify during the audit.

ALTERNATIVES

Alternative 1

That the Capital Regional Hospital District 2021 Audit Plan developed by KPMG be approved.

Alternative 2

That this report be referred back to staff for additional information.

IMPLICATIONS

Financial Implications

KPMG will begin the year-end audit field work on February 28, 2022, for approximately one week. The auditors will perform sample testing on many areas including invoices, journal entries, accounts receivables, and accounts payables in order to gain reasonable assurance that all aspects of financial transactions are being recorded and reported in compliance with Canadian Public Sector Accounting Standards (PSAS). The audit team will also conduct interviews with staff in order to review internal controls and processes. Subsequent to completion of the audit field work, financial statements will be finalized by CRHD staff. As part of the audit process, the auditors will provide the CRHD with a detailed Audit Findings Report. The finalized financial statements will be presented to the Hospitals and Housing Committee along with the Audit Findings Report.

CONCLUSION

KPMG's primary objective of the Financial Statement audit is to present an opinion on the extent to which the CRHD's consolidated financial statements are fairly presented, in accordance with the Public Sector Accounting Standards. As part of the annual audit, KPMG provides an audit plan to the Board. The auditors will conduct their audit of the 2021 financial statements pursuant to this plan.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Capital Regional Hospital District 2021 Audit Plan developed by KPMG be approved.

Submitted by:	Rianna Lachance, BCom, CPA, CA, Senior Manager, Financial Services
Concurrence:	Nelson Chan, MBA, FCPA, FCMA, Chief Financial Officer
Concurrence:	Michael Barnes, MPP, Acting General Manager, Planning & Protective Services
Concurrence	Larisa Hutcheson, P. Eng., Acting Chief Administrative Officer

ATTACHMENT(S)

Appendix A: KPMG CRHD 2021 Audit Planning Report

Capital Regional Hospital District

Audit Planning Report for the year ended December 31, 2021

KPMG LLP

Prepared for the Board of Directors' meeting on January 12, 2022

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Executive summary

Areas of focus for financial reporting

Our audit of the Capital Regional Hospital District (the "Entity" or "CRHD") is risk-focused. In planning our audit, we have identified areas of financial reporting where significant risks of material misstatement may arise. These include:

- Presumed fraud risk of management override of controls
- Oak Bay Lodge demolition

See pages 3 - 4.

Effective communication

We are committed to transparent and thorough reporting of issues to management and the Capital Regional Hospital District Board (the "Board"). This is achieved through formal and informal meetings and communications throughout the year. If you have any comments you would like to bring to our attention, please contact Lenora Lee.

See Appendix 1.

Materiality

Materiality has been established by considering various metrics that are relevant to the users of the financial statements, including total revenues. We have determined materiality to be \$800,000 (2020 - \$700,000).

See page 2.

Quality control and independence

We are independent and have a robust and consistent system of quality control. We provide complete transparency on all services and follow the Board's approved protocols.

See page 6.

New accounting standards

PSAB has introduced Section PS3160, *Public Private Partnerships*, which includes new requirements for the recognition, measurement and classification of infrastructure procured through a public private partnership. The standard has an effective date of April 1, 2023, and may be applied retroactively or prospectively. Early adoption is permitted, and the Capital Regional District ("CRD") is currently evaluating if it will early adopt this standard at January 1, 2021. For consistency in accounting policies, if CRD early adopts the standard, CRHD would also early adopt this standard concurrently.

PS 3280 Asset Retirement Obligations will be effective from April 1, 2022 and will require additional assets and liabilities to be recognized to reflect the integral cost of owning and operating tangible capital assets. This will be a significant project for management to identify and measure all obligations.

See page 5.

Current developments

Please refer to Appendix 2 for the current developments updates, including new accounting standards.

Materiality

Materiality is used to identify risks of material misstatements, develop an appropriate audit response to such risks, and evaluate the level at which we think misstatements will reasonably influence users of the financial statements. It considers both quantitative and qualitative factors.

To respond to aggregation risk, we design our procedures to detect misstatements at a lower level of materiality. Professional standards require us to reassess materiality at the completion of our audit based on period-end results or new information in order to confirm whether the amount determined for planning purposes remains appropriate.

Materiality determination	Comments	Amount
Materiality	Established by considering various metrics that are relevant to the users of the financial statements and determined to plan and perform the audit and to evaluate the effects of identified misstatements on the audit and of any uncorrected misstatements on the financial statements.	\$800,000
	The corresponding amount for the prior year's audit was \$700,000.	
Benchmark	Based on total revenues for the year ended December 31, 2020 normalized for contributed revenue.	\$40.7 million
	The corresponding amount for the prior year's audit was \$38.6 million.	
% of Benchmark	The prescribed range is between 0.5% and 3.0% of the benchmark	1.97%
	The corresponding percentage for the prior year's audit was 1.81%.	
Audit misstatement posting	Threshold used to accumulate misstatements identified during the audit.	\$40,000
threshold	The corresponding amount for the prior year's audit was \$35,000.	

We will report to the Hospitals and Housing Committee:



Corrected audit misstatements



Uncorrected audit misstatements

Audit risks

Significant risk- professional requirements	Why is it significant?
Fraud risk from revenue recognition	This is a presumed fraud risk. The risk of fraud from revenue recognition has not been assessed as a significant risk as we have not identified any specific incentives to fraudulently adjust revenue recognition, and there are no indications of opportunities or rationalization to perpetrate fraud.
Fraud risk from management override of controls	Management is in a unique position to perpetrate fraud because of its ability to manipulate accounting records and prepare fraudulent financial statements by overriding controls that otherwise appear to be operating effectively. Although the level of risk of management override of controls will vary from entity to entity, the risk nevertheless is present in all entities. There are no specific additional risks of management override relating to this audit.
	As this presumed risk of material misstatement due to fraud is not rebuttable, our audit methodology incorporates the required procedures in professional standards to address this risk. These procedures include testing of journal entries and other adjustments, performing a retrospective review of estimates and evaluating the business rationale of significant unusual transactions.

Our audit approach

Professional standards require that we obtain your view on the risk of fraud. We make similar inquiries to management as part of our planning process:

- Are you aware of, or have you identified any instances of actual, suspected, possible, or alleged non-compliance of laws and regulations or fraud, including misconduct or unethical behavior related to financial reporting or misappropriation of assets? If so, have the instances been appropriately addressed and how have they been addressed?
- What are your views about fraud risks in CRHD?
- How do you exercise effective oversight of management's processes for identifying and responding to the risk of fraud in CRHD and internal controls that management has established to mitigate these fraud risks?
- Has CRHD entered into any significant unusual transactions?

Areas of focus

Other areas of focus	Why are we focusing here?
Oak Bay Lodge	In August 2020, ownership of Oak Bay Lodge was transferred from Island Health to CRHD. An external valuation was obtained for the land.
	During 2021, a community consultation was undertaken on the future use of the land.
	CRHD is in the process of applying for a demolition permit for the property that resides on the land.

Our audit approach

- We will review the Board meeting minutes and any related committees for activity and commitments related to the property with financial implications.
- We will select a sample of any costs incurred related to the demolition of the property and assess their accounting treatment.
- We will consider any indications of adjustments required to the value of the land.

New accounting standards

Standard

Summary and implications

Asset Retirement Obligations (PS 3280)

- The new standard is effective for fiscal years beginning on or after April 1, 2022 for CRHD, January 1, 2023.
- The new standard addresses the recognition, measurement, presentation and disclosure of legal obligations associated with retirement of tangible capital assets in productive use. Retirement costs will be recognized as an integral cost of owning and operating tangible capital assets. PSAB currently contains no specific guidance in this area.
- Examples of asset retirement obligations which fall under the scope of the standard are buildings with asbestos, end of lease provisions, fuel storage tank removal, wastewater or sewage treatment facilities and closure and post-closure obligations associated with landfills.
- The ARO standard will require CRHD to record a liability related to future costs of any legal obligations to be incurred upon
 retirement of any controlled tangible capital assets ("TCA"). The amount of the initial liability will be added to the historical cost of
 the asset and amortized over its useful life.
- This will be a significant project to identify and measure all obligations. As a result of the new standard, CRHD will:
 - Create an asset retirement obligation policy.
 - Review active and inactive tangible capital assets to identify those with retirement obligations.
 - Review legal agreements, directives and legislation to determine if any legal obligations exist with respect to asset retirements.
 - Reconcile this inventory with the complete tangible capital assets listing and the site inventory for contaminated sites.
 - Engage functions outside of finance (particularly asset management and engineering) to coordinate resources to identify AROs and obtain information to estimate the value of potential AROs.
 - Calculate and estimate costs directly attributable to each asset retirement and determine the appropriate discount rate.
 - Determine the method for transition (retroactive, modified retroactive or prospective) and the financial reporting impacts, including accounting policies and additional disclosure requirements.
- Additional audit effort will be required in 2022 and 2023 leading up to and in the year of adoption to:
 - Review the asset retirement obligation policy against the requirements of the standard.
 - Verify the completeness of the inventory of tangible capital assets and the related legal obligations.
 - Audit the measurement of each obligation, the reasonability of any discount rates and assess estimation uncertainty.
 - Review the anticipated financial reporting impacts, including accounting policies and disclosures.
- We may require input from internal specialists to support this audit work.
- Management will be providing the Board with further detail of the project plan for adoption of this significant new standard.

Audit Quality: How do we deliver audit quality?



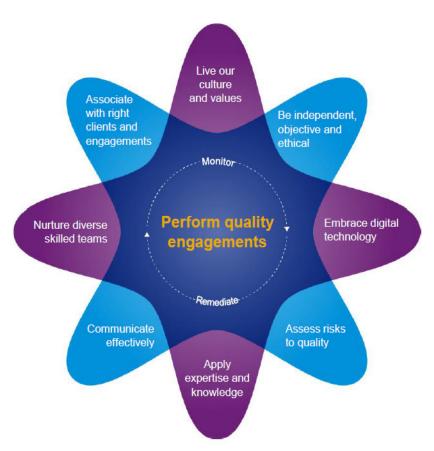
Quality essentially means doing the right thing and remains our highest priority. Our Global Quality Framework outlines how we deliver quality and how every partner and staff member contribute to its delivery.

'Perform quality engagements' sits at the core along with our commitment to continually monitor and remediate to fulfil on our quality drivers.

Our **quality value drivers** are the cornerstones to our approach underpinned by the **supporting drivers** and give clear direction to encourage the right behaviours in delivering audit quality.

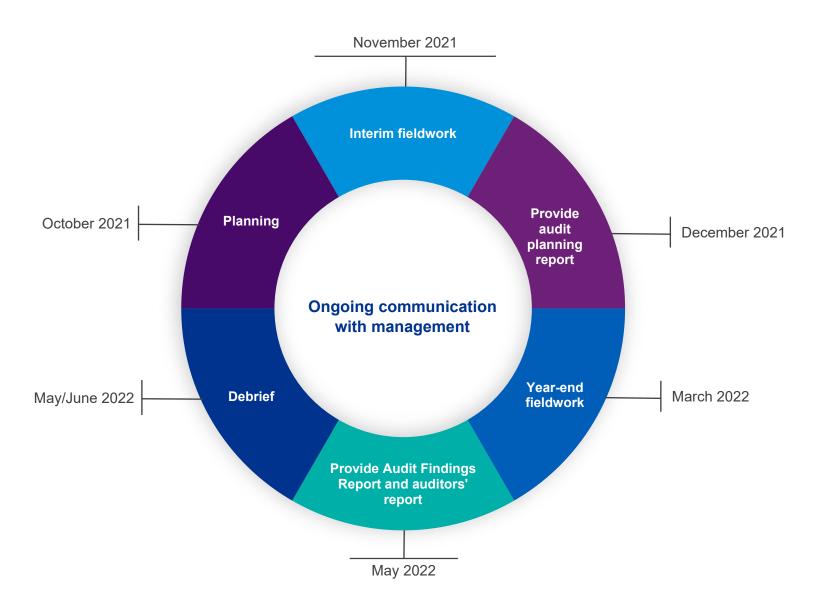
We define 'audit quality' as being the outcome when:

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



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Key milestones and deliverables





Appendices

Content

Appendix 1: Required communications

Appendix 2: Current developments and insights



Appendix 1: Other required communications

Auditors' report	Engagement letter	
A copy of our draft auditors' report setting out the conclusion of our audit will be provided at the completion of the audit.	The objectives of the audit, our responsibilities in carrying out our audit, as well as management's responsibilities, are set out in the engagement letter.	
Audit findings report	Management representation letter	
At the completion of the audit, we will provide our findings report to the Hospitals and Housing Committee	We will obtain from management certain representations at the completion of the audit. In accordance with professional standards, a copy of the representation letter will be provided to the Hospitals and Housing Committee.	
Independence	Internal control deficiencies	
At the completion of our audit, we will re-confirm our independence to the Hospitals and Housing Committee.	Control deficiencies identified during the audit will be communicated to management and the Hospitals and Housing Committee.	

Appendix 2: Current developments

Public Sector Accounting Standards

Standard		Summary and implications
Asset Retirement	_	The new standard is effective for fiscal years beginning on or after April 1, 2022.
Obligations	-	The new standard addresses the recognition, measurement, presentation and disclosure of legal obligations associated with retirement of tangible capital assets in productive use. Retirement costs will be recognized as an integral cost of owning and operating tangible capital assets. PSAB currently contains no specific guidance in this area.
	-	The ARO standard will require the public sector entity to record a liability related to future costs of any legal obligations to be incurred upon retirement of any controlled tangible capital assets ("TCA"). The amount of the initial liability will be added to the historical cost of the asset and amortized over its useful life.
	_	As a result of the new standard, the public sector entity will have to:
		 Consider how the additional liability will impact net debt, as a new liability will be recognized with no corresponding increase in a financial asset;
		 Carefully review legal agreements, senior government directives and legislation in relation to all controlled TCA to determine if any legal obligations exist with respect to asset retirements;
		 Begin considering the potential effects on the organization as soon as possible to coordinate with resources outside the finance department to identify AROs and obtain information to estimate the value of potential AROs to avoid unexpected issues.
Revenue	_	The new standard is effective for fiscal years beginning on or after April 1, 2023. The effective date was deferred by one year due to COVID-19.
	-	The new standard establishes a single framework to categorize revenues to enhance the consistency of revenue recognition and its measurement.
	-	The standard notes that in the case of revenues arising from an exchange transaction, a public sector entity must ensure the recognition of revenue aligns with the satisfaction of related performance obligations.
	_	The standard notes that unilateral revenues arise when no performance obligations are present, and recognition occurs when there is authority to record the revenue and an event has happened that gives the public sector entity the right to the revenue.

Appendix 2: Current developments (continued)

Standard	Summary and implications	
Employee Future Benefit Obligations	PSAB has initiated a review of sections PS3250 <i>Retirement Benefits</i> and PS3255 <i>Post-Employment Benefits, Compensated Absent Termination Benefits.</i> In July 2020, PSAB approved a revised project plan. PSAB intends to use principles from International Public Sector Accounting Standard 39 <i>Employee Benefits</i> as a starting point to decandian standard. Given the complexity of issues involved and potential implications of any changes that may arise from the review of the existing guidance PSAB will implement a multi-release strategy for the new standards. The first standard will provide foundational guidance. Subsequestandards will provide additional guidance on current and emerging issues. PSAB released an exposure draft on proposed section PS3251, Employee Benefits in July 2021. Comments to PSAB on the proposed section were due by November 25, 2021. Proposed Section PS 3251 would apply to fiscal years beginning on or after April 1, 2026 a should be applied retroactively. Earlier adoption is permitted. The proposed PS3251 would replace existing Section PS 3250 and Section Ps 3255. This proposed section would result in organizations recognizing the impact of revaluations of the net defined benefit liability (a immediately on the statement of financial position. Organizations would also assess the funding status of their post-employment benefit obligations.	velop the lance, ent sed and ection PS asset)
Concepts Underlying	PSAB is in the process of reviewing the conceptual framework that provides the core concepts and objectives underlying Canadian process are sector accounting standards.	public
Financial Performance	PSAB released four exposure drafts in early 2021 for the proposed conceptual framework and proposed revised reporting model, an related consequential amendments. The Board is in the process of considering stakeholder comments received.	nd their
	PSAB is proposing a revised, ten chapter conceptual framework intended to replace PS 1000 <i>Financial Statement Concepts</i> and PS <i>Financial Statement Objectives</i> . The revised conceptual framework would be defined and elaborate on the characteristics of public sentities and their financial reporting objectives. Additional information would be provided about financial statement objectives, qualitate characteristics and elements. General recognition and measurement criteria, and presentation concepts would be introduced.	ector
	In addition, PSAB is proposing:	
	 Relocation of the net debt indicator to its own statement and the statement of net financial assets/liabilities, with the calculation debt refined to ensure its original meaning is retained. 	of net
	Separating liabilities into financial liabilities and non-financial liabilities.	
	 Restructuring the statement of financial position to present non-financial assets before liabilities. 	
	 Changes to common terminology used in the financial statements, including re-naming accumulated surplus (deficit) to net asset (liabilities). 	ets
	 Removal of the statement of remeasurement gains (losses) with the information instead included on a new statement called the statement of changes in net assets (liabilities). This new statement would present the changes in each component of net assets (liabilities), including a new component called "accumulated other". 	
	A new provision whereby an entity can use an amended budget in certain circumstances.	
	Inclusion of disclosures related to risks and uncertainties that could affect the entity's financial position.	

Appendix 2: Current developments (continued)

Standard	Summary and implications
Purchased Intangibles	 In October 2019, PSAB approved a proposal to allow public sector entities to recognize intangibles purchased through an exchange transaction. Practitioners are expected to use the definition of an asset, the general recognition criteria and the GAAP hierarchy to account for purchased intangibles.
	 PSAB has approved Public Sector Guideline 8 which allows recognition of intangibles purchased through an exchange transaction. Narrow-scope amendments were made to Section PS 1000 Financial statement concepts to remove prohibition on recognition of intangibles purchased through exchange transactions and PS 1201 Financial statement presentation to remove the requirement to disclose that purchased intangibles are not recognized.
	 The effective date is April 1, 2023 with early adoption permitted. Application may be retroactive or prospective.
2022 – 2027 Strategic Plan	 PSAB's Draft 2022 – 2027 Strategic Plan was issued for public comment in May 2021. Comments were requested for October 6, 2021. The Strategic Plan sets out broad strategic objectives that help guide PSAB in achieving its public interest mandate over a multi-year period, and determining standard-setting priorities The Strategic Plan emphasizes four key priorities: Develop relevant and high-quality accounting standards - Continue to develop relevant and high-quality accounting standards in line with PSAB's due process, including implementation of the international strategy (focused on adapting International Public Sector Accounting Standards for new standards) and completion of the Conceptual Framework and Reporting Model project. Enhance and strengthen relationships with stakeholders - Includes increased engagement with Indigenous Governments and exploring the use of customized reporting. Enhance and strengthen relationships with other standard setters - In addition to continued collaboration with other standard setters, this emphasizes strengthened relationship with the IPSASB. Support forward-looking accounting and reporting initiatives - Supporting and encouraging ESG reporting, and consideration of the development of ESG reporting guidance for the Canadian public sector.

Appendix 2: Current developments and insights (continued)

Thought leadership

Thought leadership	Overview	Link
2020 Audit Quality and Transparency Report	Learn about KPMG's ongoing commitment to continuous audit quality improvement. We are investing in new innovative technologies and building strategic alliances with leading technology companies that will have a transformative impact on the auditing process and profession. How do we seek to make an impact on society through the work that we do?	Link to report
KPMG 2021 CEO Outlook	This year we surveyed over 1,300 CEOs globally and the results are pointing to an optimistic outlook amongst Canadian CEOs. Some of the key themes coming out of the survey include expectations for aggressive growth through expansion, investment in both people and technology as well as a focus on delivering on environmental, social and governance ("ESG") and sustainability commitments.	Link to portal
2021 CEO Pulse Survey	Building on our findings from the CEO Outlook report, this year's survey remains aligned with these three key themes: growth in a digitally accelerated economy, digital workforces, and leading with purpose. The findings have revealed while there has been a shift in priorities in some areas, other areas have remained unchanged.	Link to portal
Implications of coronavirus (COVID-19)	Resources to help you understand your exposure to COVID-19, and more importantly, position your business to be resilient in the face of this and the next global threat.	<u>Learn more</u>
	KPMG Global IFRS Institute - COVID-19 financial reporting resource center	<u>Learn more</u>
Put your data to work to gain competitive advantage	There is no "digital economy". The economy is digital and "digits" refer to data. Data is the lifeblood of every organization on this planet and organizations that embrace this notion are well positioned to grow as industries continue to evolve and disrupt at an ever-increasing pace.	Link to report
Board Leadership Centre	KPMG in Canada Board Leadership Centre engages with directors, board members and business leaders to discuss timely and relevant boardroom challenges and deliver practical thought leadership on risk and strategy, talent and technology, globalization and regulatory issues, financial reporting and more.	<u>Learn more</u>

Appendix 2: Current developments and insights (continued)

Thought leadership (continued)

Resources	Summary	Links
Accelerate	Our Accelerate series offer insight into the key issues driving the Audit Committee agenda in a number of key areas in risk management: cyber risk; internal control of financial reporting, disclosure and regulation; digital disruption and the future of the finance function; enterprise risk management; and the evolution of environmental, social and governance issues.	Link to series
Return to the workplace	As all levels of government begin to take steps toward re-opening the country and restarting our economy, planning for the return to a physical workplace is quickly becoming a top priority for many organizations. With the guidelines for the pandemic continuing to evolve daily, there are many considerations, stages and factors employers need to assess in order to properly develop a robust action plan which can ensure the health and safety of their workforce.	Website link Link to guide
	We have put together a Return to the Workplace guide to support an organization's planning efforts in preparing to return to physical workplace. Our guide includes a list of considerations, stages and factors that can help establish a robust action plan for your organization to safely return to work. The guide is supported by a dynamic playbook, which our team has developed to outline a comprehensive list of actions an organization can take, based on their unique situation and immediate needs.	
Audit and Assurance Insights	KPMG provides curated research and insights on audit and assurance matters for audit committees and boards.	Link to portal
KPMG Climate Change Financial Reporting Resource Centre	KPMG's climate change resource centre provides FAQs to help you identify the potential financial statement impacts for your business.	Link to portal
You Can't Go Green Without Blue – The Blue Economy is Critical to All Companies' ESG Ambitions	In this report, KPMG considers how leading corporates and investors can take action to capture the value that can be found in a healthy, sustainable ocean economy.	Link to portal
The Future of Local Government	The Future of Local Government report provides a Canadian perspective for how local governments can meet the rapidly changing needs and expectations of their stakeholders – the citizens, partners and leaders across diverse cities and communities they serve.	Link to portal





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