



Financial Services Audit Committee Communication

Date: May 22, 2018

To: Great Lakes Water Authority Audit Committee

From: Nicolette N. Bateson, CPA, Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer

Re: Review of the FY 2017 Audited Financial Statements

Background: The FY 2017 audited financial statements were completed on May 11, 2018 after review by the Great Lakes Water Authority (GLWA) Board on May 9, 2018. The auditors for the GLWA will attend the May 22, 2018 Audit Committee meeting for a review of those reports.

Analysis: Attached are the following audit-related reports.

- FY 2017 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR)
- FY 2017 Single Audit Compliance Report
- FY 2017 Independent Auditors' Communication with those Charged with Governance

In addition, a memo from Rehmann Robson is attached related to questions from a member of the Audit Committee. Similar to last year, a "Key Takeaways" one-pager is being prepared for distribution to stakeholders (will be presented at the Audit Committee meeting).

The Articles of Incorporation provide for distribution of the Audit Report to the Incorporating Municipalities (see excerpt below). Pending review by the Audit Committee, the final reports will be distributed.

ARTICLE 15 - AUDIT

The Board shall cause an annual audit to be made of its financial statements, including such federal and state audits as may be required relating to grants and awards, by a certified public accountant, and shall furnish at least two copies to each Incorporating Municipality. The books and records of the Authority shall be open for inspection by any Incorporating Municipality at all reasonable times upon reasonable notice.

Proposed Action: Receive and file the final FY 2017 reports: FY 2017 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, FY 2017 Single Audit Compliance Report, and FY 2017 Independent Auditors' Communication with those Charged with Governance. Further, staff is directed to provide copies to each Incorporating Municipality as outlined in the Articles of Incorporation.