



MANITOBA ORDER IN COUNCIL

DATE: **September 6, 2022**

ORDER IN COUNCIL NO.: **343/2022**

RECOMMENDED BY: **Minister
of Finance**

ORDER

1. The Auditor General is requested to examine and audit the operations and the accounts of various Municipalities, including the Municipality of Westlake – Gladstone (altogether, the “Municipalities”).

AUTHORITY

The Auditor General Act, C.C.S.M. c. A180, states:

Special audit on request

16(1) When requested to do so by the Lieutenant Governor in Council or the Minister of Finance, or by resolution of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts, the Auditor General may examine and audit the operations and the accounts of a government organization, recipient of public money or other person or entity that in any way receives, pays or accounts for public money. But the Auditor General is not obliged to do so if he or she is of the opinion that it would interfere with the primary responsibilities of the Auditor General.

Report

16(2) The Auditor General must report the findings of an audit under this section to the person or body that requested the audit and to the minister responsible for any government organization concerned.

Report submitted to the Assembly

16(3) The Auditor General may submit a report of an audit under this section to the Assembly if it is in the public interest to do so, but must allow at least 14 days for the minister responsible for the government organization and the Minister of Finance to review and comment on the report before finalizing it for submission to the Assembly.

BACKGROUND

1. The Department of Finance (the “Department”) has been advised by the Department of Municipal Relations of citizens’ concerns with respect to council governance, financial management, oversight and public accountability in various Municipalities, including the municipality of WestLake-Gladstone.
2. The Department has determined that a special audit of the Municipalities by the Auditor General is advisable.
3. The scope of any such special audit will be determined by the Auditor General and may include consideration of the following matters:
 - (a) whether financial and administrative provisions of Acts, regulations, policies and directives have been complied with; and,
 - (b) whether the form and content of financial information documents, including municipal and provincial oversight, is adequate and suitable.