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Mr. Trevor L. Williams, CPA, CIGA
Retired Chief Audit Executive

Dear Mr. Williams,

On behalf of the City of Winnipeg Audit Department, I would like to thank you, and the other member of your team (Stan Sewell, City Auditor, City of Chattanooga) for the recently completed peer review of our office. Your review is a valuable part of our continuing efforts to improve the quality of our audits. We are pleased that your independent peer review team concluded that our internal quality control system is suitably designed and operated to provide reasonable assurance that our audits are conducted in compliance with *Government Auditing Standards (GAS)*.

The Audit Department is committed to continuously improving the quality of our audit work. We appreciate your thoughtful comments regarding the areas where you found our office excels, including an annual monitoring of the quality control system that is comprehensive and well documented, culture of continuous improvement, the extensive professional credentials and experience of our staff and our commitment to professional development.

Our office found the peer review to be a valuable and constructive process. Your thorough review and thoughtful questions provided us an opportunity to reflect on our Department's practices and supports our commitment to continuously improving our internal quality control policies and processes and the quality of our audit work. We also appreciate the opportunity the peer review provides to share insights with other organizations and ways to further enhance our operations.

I appreciate that your team has provided us a recommendation for improvement where we can enhance our adherence to *Government Auditing Standards.* Our response to your recommendations is highlighted below:

> Standard 9.03 states that when auditors comply with all applicable GAGAS requirements, they should use the unmodified GAGAS compliance statement in the audit report. Standard 9.05 further provides that, for performance audits, auditors should modify the GAGAS statement to indicate requirements that were not followed or language indicating that the auditors did not follow GAGAS. In reviewing the Stores audit, which was completed by a contracted firm, we found that the Department issued a report citing the unmodified GAGAS compliance statement when a statement that the audit was not performed in compliance with GAGAS should have been used.
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> We commend the department for noting the error and appropriately reissuing the report with proper compliance statement prior to our onsite visit, we recommend that, going forward, the Department transmit reports as provided by contracted auditors to the end users or include a statement clearly indicating the Department did not complete the audit in compliance with GAGAS.

City Auditor Response:
During our quality review process we did identify this issue and re-issued the Stores report with correct wording in compliance with GAGAS standards 9.05 and also identified the report as being re-issued when we presented it to the Audit Committee. As stated in the report I want to assure the reader that the findings, conclusions and subsequent recommendations in the Stores report are unchanged and they remain well

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supported by the evidence. We have updated our policies to ensure we transmit reports as provided by contracted auditors to the end users or include a statement clearly indicating the Department did not complete the audit in compliance with GAGAS.

I would once again like to thank you for your professionalism and candour in the review that you have provided and would like to welcome you back to our great city at any time. Your time and commitment in providing this service to your municipal auditing colleagues is greatly appreciated. The advice you have provided to us will help us to better meet *Government Auditing Standards*, and to continue to provide high quality audit services.

Most sincerely,

Jason Egert
City Auditor