ALGONQUIN COLLEGE

President/Board of Governors

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Report title:	Appointment of the Auditors for 2019-2020
Report to:	Board of Governors
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1. RECOMMENDATION:

   THAT the Board of Governors approves the appointment of BDO Canada LLP as the external auditors of Algonquin College and its controlled entities for the 2019-2020 fiscal year.

2. PURPOSE / EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

   The purpose of this report is to seek approval for the appointment of the auditors for 2019-2020.

3. BACKGROUND:

   At the October 24, 2017 meeting of the Audit and Risk Management Committee, it was agreed by the Committee that Algonquin College would utilize the agreements negotiated between the Ontario Education Collaborative Marketplace (OECM) and the four chosen suppliers (BDO Canada LLP, Deloitte LLP, Ernst & Young LLP and KPMG LLP) as a basis for the selection of the next auditors. Through the use of this selection process, it was agreed that an audit service contract would be awarded to the audit firm providing the combined lowest three-year cost to the College. The lowest combined three-year bid for all required services was submitted by BDO Canada LLP; therefore, BDO Canada LLP was awarded the contract.

4. DISCUSSION:

   This will be the second year of a three-year contract (with an option for a two-year extension).

5. LINK TO STRATEGIC PLAN:

STRATEGIC PLAN 2017-2022			
LEARNER DRIVEN **Goal One** **Establish Algonquin as the leader in personalized learning across all Ontario colleges.**	☐	**CONNECTED** **Goal Four** **Become an integral partner to our alumni and employers.**	☐
QUALITY AND INNOVATION **Goal Two**	☐	**SUSTAINABLE** **Goal Five**	☒

Lead the college system in co-op and experiential learning.		**Enhance Algonquin's global impact and community social responsibility.**	
Goal Three **Attain national standing in quality, impact and innovation within each school and service.**	☐	**PEOPLE** **Goal Six** **Be recognized by our employees and the community as an exceptional place to work.**	☐

6. STUDENT IMPACT:

   Students (and the organizations that represent students) are key stakeholders of the College and rely on the auditor's opinions when reviewing the College's financial position and operating results.

7. FINANCIAL IMPACT:

   The costs associated with all the College's financial audits are included in its annual budget which is approved by the Board of Governors annually. The estimated fee for the audits of 2019-2020 financial statements and enrolment reports is $66,900.

8. HUMAN RESOURCES IMPACT:

   The College's audit firm primarily relies on the work undertaken by the Finance and Administrative Services Department that is staffed with several designated professional accountants. In addition, the College's President, Vice-President, Finance and Administration, other executive and leadership team members support the audit to varying degrees.

9. GOVERNMENT / REGULATORY / LEGAL IMPACT:

   The Board of Governors is required to approve the annual appointment of the auditors for the College and its controlled entities at the Annual General Meeting.

10. COMMUNICATIONS:

    The appointment of the auditors is conducted during the public session of the Board of Governors Annual General Meeting. There are no further communications undertaken.

11. CONCLUSION:

    The College and BDO Canada LLP have established an effective working relationship over the past year and management endorses the appointment of BDO Canada LLP as the College's external auditors for the fiscal year 2019-2020.

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