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## NEWS RELEASE

### Auditor General for Local Government Announced

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**Vancouver, November 7, 2012** – The BC Chamber of Commerce welcomed the announcement today from Premier Clark at its Premier & Cabinet Luncheon that Basia Ruta has been appointed BC's first Auditor General for Local Government (AGLG).

“The government has clearly listened to the needs of businesses, and should be commended for its leadership on this file and dedication to supporting BC’s business communities,” said John Winter, President and CEO of the BC Chamber of Commerce. “Local government is the only level of government that is not subject to independent audits, and the AGLG will provide much needed transparency and accountability at the local level to protect the taxpayer.”

Ms. Ruta is a chartered accountant and has extensive experience working in the federal Office of the Auditor General, over 30 years’ experience in both the public and private sectors, and valuable knowledge of local and regional governance gained through conducting audits of local government, hospital and community organizations.

The concept for the Auditor General for Local Government in BC was developed by the BC Chamber of Commerce in a [policy paper](#), and originally announced by the Premier at a BC Chamber Liberal Leadership event. The AGLG will conduct performance audits of local government services and provide recommendations about how to find efficiencies and improve the effectiveness of operations.

“On behalf of businesses across the province, we thank the Premier for once again making a significant AGLG announcement at a BC Chamber event in recognition of our leading voice in this initiative,” continued Winter.

*The BC Chamber is the largest and most broadly based business organization in the province. Representing over 120 Chambers of Commerce and 32,000 businesses of every size, sector and region of the province the BC Chamber of Commerce is “The Voice of Business in BC.”*

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