

Niagara Falls Water Board
Audit Summary
December 31, 2019

- Unmodified (i.e. unqualified or “clean”) opinions were issued of the Board financial statements.
- Board complied with investment requirements of Section 201.3 of Title Two of the Official Compilation of Codes, Rules and Regulations of the State of New York
- No material weaknesses or significant deficiencies were noted in the Board’s internal controls over financial reporting or in the Board’s compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts.
- New recommendation was made for the Board to evaluation Cyber Security controls. This has been an increasing risk in to governmental agencies and public authorities. This recommendation is not the result of anything specifically noted at the Board but instead due to issues noted at other EFPR clients.
- Previous recommendations:
 - Disaster Recovery Plan – There is no formal plan in place. This comment is repeated from the prior year.
 - Plant Fund General Ledger – This fund is reconciled at year-end opposed to monthly. This comment is repeated from the prior year.
- Management was a pleasure to work with. We were provided everything we asked for in a timely manner.
- Expenses exceeded revenues by \$207,188. Revenues increased \$916,328 million due primarily gain on investments. Expenses increased \$442,561 million due primarily to strong budgetary controls and monitoring.
- The Board’s total bond indebtedness decreased by \$2,209,368 during the current fiscal year as a result of principal payments made of \$4,269,607 and premium amortization of \$129,754, offset by issuance of debt of \$2,189,993.
- The following summarizes the changes in net position:

	2019	2018	Change
Operating revenue	\$ 31,188,271	\$ 31,069,163	\$ 119,108
Operating expenses	\$ (29,957,629)	\$ (29,210,629)	\$ (747,000)
Non-operating revenue & expenses	\$ (1,437,830)	\$ (2,539,489)	\$ 1,101,659
Change in net position	\$ (207,188)	\$ (680,955)	\$ 473,767