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## Auditor General released "Special Audit: Rural Municipality of La Broquerie"

**WINNIPEG** – Carol Bellringer, the Auditor General of Manitoba, today released her report on the "Special Audit: Rural Municipality of La Broquerie". The audit was initiated in 2006 by the Office of the Auditor General following an assessment of allegations received from citizens concerning the operations of the municipality.

The report recognizes the numerous challenges facing rural municipalities. However weaknesses were found in general administration as well as in compliance with legislation and the accountability framework did not provide for a way to detect these weaknesses.

Ms. Bellringer stated that "Our report includes a number of recommendations which, if implemented, will assist the RM in achieving greater transparency and a more organized approach to managing its operations. The report also recommends changes to the Province's accountability framework to prevent similar situations from occurring in the future."

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