

City Auditor's Office 3rd Quarter 2019 Report

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report presents a summary of the activity of the City Auditor's Office during the period July 1, 2019 to September 30, 2019.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That with respect to the Report AC2019-1244, the following be approved:

1. That Audit Committee receive this report for information; and
2. That Audit Committee recommend that Council receive this report for information.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL DIRECTION / POLICY

Bylaw 30M2004 (as amended) established the position of City Auditor and the powers, duties and functions of the position. The City Auditor is accountable to Council and subject to the oversight of Audit Committee under Bylaw 48M2012 (as amended). Schedule C of Bylaw 48M2012 (as amended) states that Audit Committee "reviews and forwards to Council for information, the City Auditor's Office quarterly and annual status reports".

Under the City Auditor's Office Charter (AC2016 0247 Attachment 2), the City Auditor presents quarterly reports to Audit Committee summarizing the status of deliverables against the approved Audit Plan. The City Auditor's Office 2019-2020 Audit Plan was approved on September 18, 2018.

BACKGROUND

Quarterly reports are intended to support Audit Committee's oversight of the City Auditor's Office. To support this oversight, our quarterly reports are divided into three sections:

- A summary of key information on office activity during the past quarter;
- A narrative briefing to Audit Committee on a key initiative/responsibility; and
- A summary of our current status against the approved Audit Plan.

During 3rd Quarter 2019, the City Auditor's Office:

- Finalized one audit, completed the planning stage on two audits, and completed the fieldwork on one audit. We additionally initiated a further four audits.
- Reviewed 21 recommendations and closed 17 recommendations (17 implemented as originally planned). Four recommendations required additional time and are in-progress.
- Received 24 new whistle-blower reports and closed 7 investigations.
- Provided advisory guidance to the Infrastructure Calgary Steering Committee and the Corporate Project Management Framework Committee.

INVESTIGATION: ALTERNATIVES AND ANALYSIS

N/A

Stakeholder Engagement, Research and Communication

N/A

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Strategic Alignment

The City Auditor's Office quarterly reports provide Audit Committee and Council with information to support their oversight responsibility of the City Auditor's Office. The activities of the City Auditor's Office assist Council in its oversight of the City Manager's administration and accountability for stewardship over public funds and achievement on value for money in City operations.

Social, Environmental, Economic (External)

N/A

Financial Capacity

Current and Future Operating Budget:

N/A

Current and Future Capital Budget:

N/A

Risk Assessment

The activities of the City Auditor's Office, including the Whistle-blower Program, serve to promote accountability, mitigate risk, and support an effective governance structure.

REASON FOR RECOMMENDATIONS:

To comply with Bylaw 48M2012 (as amended) which states: Audit Committee reviews the City Auditor's Office quarterly and annual status reports and forwards these to Council for information.

ATTACHMENT

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