

BRIEFING

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**Audit Resource Management Briefing to
Regular Meeting of Council
2023 April 25**

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Extension of External Auditor Contract for 2023 External Audit

PURPOSE OF BRIEFING

At the 2022 May 10 Combined Meeting of Council Report AC2022-0409, External Audit Services was unanimously approved. Council directed Administration to negotiate with Deloitte LLP for an extension of their five-year contract for one additional year (2023 May 1 – 2024 April 30) until the completion of the 2023 external audit of The City's consolidated financial statements. They also directed that Council be provided with a Briefing upon the conclusion of the negotiation.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Audit Committee received the support of Finance and Supply Management business units to extend Deloitte's contract for one additional year for the 2023 audit. The justification for this extension are cost savings and efficiencies that will be realized with respect to the work that has already been done on the complex Corporate Realignment, as well as the adoption of the five new accounting standards (Asset Retirement Obligations, Financial Instruments, Foreign Currency Translation, Portfolio Investments, and Financial Statement Presentation). To transition a new auditor during these substantial changes would be both costly and inefficient. Duplication of effort and fees will be avoided if the same external auditor remains in place.

Supply Management negotiated with Deloitte LLP on this contract which has now concluded.

Deloitte will present their 2023 Audit Service Plan at the 2023 July 19 Audit Committee Meeting which will subsequently be forwarded to Council for information and the Corporate Record.

ATTACHMENT(S)

None