

## **Audit Committee Narrative for The City's 2013 Annual Report**

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### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This is the 2013 Audit Committee narrative for inclusion in The City's 2013 Annual Report.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That Audit Committee approves the Audit Committee's narrative for The City's 2013 Annual Report as per the Attachment.

### **PREVIOUS COUNCIL DIRECTION / POLICY**

The Audit Committee's 2014 Work Plan requires the Audit Committee to consider a draft of this narrative for inclusion into The City's 2013 Annual Report.

### **BACKGROUND**

Audit Committee's annual report has traditionally provided an overview of the Committee's mandate and activities, as they pertain to Council's responsibilities relative to Audit Governance.

It is included in a section of The City's annual report that deals with Council's overall responsibilities relative to Corporate Governance.

An important distinction exists with respect to Audit Governance and Corporate Governance. Although related, Audit Governance can be viewed as a component of Corporate Governance, and deals specifically with an Audit Committee's structure, mandate and annual work plan activities.

Corporate Governance deals with such matters as a board of directors' composition, mandate, administrative processes and its committee structure. This aspect of The City's annual report is addressed in a separate section of The City's annual report. Pursuant to Audit Committee's direction, a review was undertaken in 2006 to determine whether disclosure improvements could be made to the Audit Committee annual report.

### **INVESTIGATION: ALTERNATIVES AND ANALYSIS**

The recommended draft of the Audit Committee's 2013 annual report is consistent with the approach taken since 2006. Including this narrative in The City's Annual Report is recommended in the interest of disclosure and transparency in terms of Audit Governance.

### **Stakeholder Engagement, Research and Communication**

Not applicable.

### **Strategic Alignment**

Not applicable.

### **Social, Environmental, Economic (External)**

Not applicable.

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**Financial Capacity**

**Current and Future Operating Budget:**

There are no budget implications for this Report.

**Current and Future Capital Budget:**

There are no budget implications for this Report.

**Risk Assessment**

Not applicable.

**REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION:**

The Audit Committee should be approved for timely inclusion in The City's 2013 Annual Report.

**ATTACHMENT**

Audit Committee 2013 Annual Report Narrative.