



AUDITOR GENERAL

Halifax Regional Municipality





2017-18 Annual Report
and
2018-19 Audit Priorities

INTEGRITY | OBJECTIVITY | COLLABORATION | EXCELLENCE

About Our Office

- Halifax Regional Municipality Charter establishes Auditor General's role
- Auditor General is appointed by Regional Council
- Audit programs and accounts of municipality and municipal bodies
- Assist Halifax Regional Council in holding itself and administration accountable for the use of public funds
- 2017-18 budget: \$1 million, includes funding for ten full-time-equivalent staff
- Establish annual audit priorities based on our assessment of risks in various program areas
- Current Auditor General, Evangeline Colman-Sadd, began seven-year-term in October 2016

What's New

<p>Reports Released</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Contract Management ◆ Halifax Water – Management of Drinking Water Safety ◆ Management of Surplus Buildings and Land 	<p>Audits In Progress</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Development Approvals ◆ Procurement ◆ Halifax Regional Police – IT Roles 	<p>Available at:</p> <p>https://www.halifax.ca/city-hall/auditor-general/published-reports</p> 
<p>4 Hires</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Temitope Fawole ◆ Patricia Lane ◆ Ashley Maxwell ◆ Eric O'Connor <p>Full Staff Complement</p>	<p>Follow up recommendations after 18 months</p> 	<p>Implemented electronic audit files</p> <p>Secure</p> <p>Web-based</p>

Our Values

Integrity

We value honesty and accountability, holding ourselves to high professional and ethical standards.

Objectivity

We are independent from management of the entities we audit and impartial in our assessments.

Collaboration

We work together to focus on the significant issues and make practical recommendations for improvement.

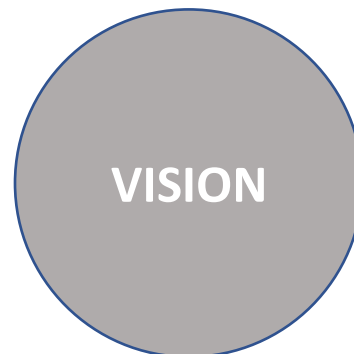
Excellence

We develop our knowledge and work to improve our processes.



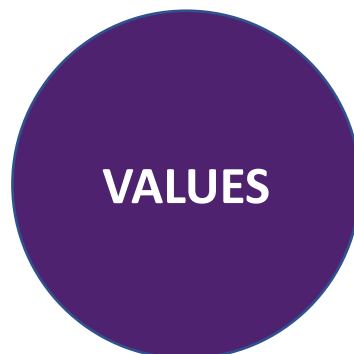
Our Mission

To deliver independent audits that strengthen accountability and encourage improved efficiency and effectiveness of programs



Our Vision

A relevant, valued, independent audit office, known for professional excellence



Strategic Goals

Continue to increase our relevance		
<p>Action taken as a result of our work</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review and continuously improve our processes, including how we write recommendations Engage Audit and Finance Standing Committee in how it can help increase the number of recommendations implemented Follow up 18 months after an audit has been completed and report results of follow-up annually 	<p>Improve understanding of our work</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Create audit information booklet Engage management Engage Regional Council 	<p>Enhance readability of our audit reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Where possible, present information with infographics and charts, instead of long narratives Develop ability to drill into detailed information from summary pages on reports
Consider opportunities for audit efficiencies		
<p>Expand our use of data analytics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> IDEA Continuous auditing 	<p>Use TeamMate to assist with follow-up work</p>	

Performance Information

Performance Measures	Target *
% staff hours on audit versus non-audit activities	85%
% recommendations accepted and plan to implement	100%
% recommendations implemented after 18 months	70%
% audits completed on time	100%
% audits planned for year completed	100%

* We will report our results against these targets in our 2018-19 Annual Report.

2018-19 Audit Priorities

Subject	Business Unit
IT Roles and Access (including SAP)	Corporate & Customer Services
Long-term Maintenance – Sidewalks & Roads	Transportation & Public Works
Payroll	Finance & Asset Management
Procurement Cards	Finance & Asset Management
Property Tax	Finance & Asset Management
Transit Fleet	Halifax Transit
Follow-up Review	Various

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