

Overall, Halifax Regional Municipality has only addressed 46% of significant issues from nine Auditor General reports released between March 2014 and January 2016, Evangeline Colman-Sadd said in her follow-up report released today, April 18th.

Many important areas have outstanding deficiencies. For example, there is still no procedures manual for building inspections and building permits, and a lack of file standards has led to inconsistencies in documentation maintained. In another area, HRM management should improve monitoring of fuel cards and fobs to confirm fuel purchases are reasonable. A consistent approach to project management of large, one-time capital projects is also needed.

“Many significant issues remain outstanding. Management is responsible to correct known problems and should do so in a timely manner,” the auditor general said.

Ms. Colman-Sadd plans to report results of her Office’s follow-up reviews annually. “We will revisit all recommendations in each report 18 months after audit release, to see whether management has corrected the issues we have identified.”

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Many significant issues are outstanding such as a procedures manual for building permits and building inspections, improvements in monitoring fuel purchases, and a common project management approach for large, one-time capital projects.

The report is available on the auditor general’s website.

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