

Halifax Regional Municipality had mixed results in implementing the recommendations from two audits reported in 2020-21, Auditor General, Evangeline Colman-Sadd, said in her follow-up review released today, February 23rd.

The audits followed up were:

- Building Permits and Inspections – 0% implemented (0 of 3 recommendations)
- HRM Police IT – 92% implemented overall (11 of 12 public recommendations)

“I am pleased with the implementation of Halifax Regional Police’s IT recommendations, which exceeded the target of 80% complete in 18 months.” the auditor general said.

However, for building permits and inspections, Planning and Development has not corrected known issues concerning data quality and public accountability for performance. “We expect published performance targets and results, so people know what they can anticipate for their building projects.” said Colman-Sadd.

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

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In her report released today, Auditor General Evangeline Colman-Sadd said HRM has mixed results in implementing the recommendations from two Auditor General reports released in 2020-21.

Planning and Development did not complete any of its three recommendations from a 2020 audit of building permits and inspections. Halifax Regional Police completed 11 of 12 recommendations from the 2021 IT audit.

The outstanding recommendations relate mainly to the management of building permits and inspection. Management agreed to implement the recommendations over 18 months ago. The report is available on the auditor general’s website.

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