

Overall, HRM and Halifax Water are not effectively managing the use of light-duty fleet vehicles, Auditor General, Evangeline Colman-Sadd, said in her report released today, March 11th.

The audit found neither organization adequately monitors fleet utilization. HRM's and Halifax Water's fleet vehicle-use policies are outdated and have gaps. "There may be opportunities for both organizations to save money if each organization looked at how light-fleet vehicles are used, or if some employees were paid mileage instead. Fleet utilization should be monitored to help make those decisions," the auditor general said.

In addition, policies at HRM and Halifax Water do not require employees to use the cheapest method for local business travel. The audit found some employees at both organizations did not have the lowest-cost choice between a car allowance and personal vehicle mileage reimbursement.

The audit has eight recommendations – four for HRM and four for Halifax Water. Management agreed to implement all recommendations. The report is available on the auditor general's website at <https://hrmauditorgeneral.ca/published-reports>

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In her report released today, Auditor General Evangeline Colman-Sadd said both HRM and Halifax Water need to better monitor utilization of their light-duty vehicle fleets. Vehicle-use and local travel policies are outdated and have gaps. This may result in decisions about fleet use and size which are not cost-effective. Neither organization requires the cheapest option be selected for local travel.

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