

**Subject: Office of the Auditor General (OAG) – Investigation of Allegations
Related to Planning Activities for the Conservancy Development**

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Report to Audit Committee on 27 November 2023

and Council 6 December 2023

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Ward: Citywide

**Objet : Bureau de la vérificatrice générale (BVG) – Enquête sur les
allégations relatives aux activités de planification pour le
développement de conservation**

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Rapport présenté au Comité de la vérification

Rapport soumis le 27 novembre 2023

et au Conseil le 6 décembre 2023

Soumis le 16 novembre 2023 par Nathalie Gougeon, Vérificatrice générale

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REPORT RECOMMENDATION(S)

**That the Audit Committee receive the Conservancy Development Investigation
report and recommend that Council consider and approve the
recommendations.**

RECOMMANDATION(S) DU RAPPORT

Que le Comité de la vérification reçoive le rapport de l'Enquête sur les allégations relatives aux activités de planification pour le développement de conservation, et recommande au Conseil d'examiner les recommandations, à des fins d'approbation.

BACKGROUND

The Investigation of Allegations Related to Planning Activities for the Conservancy Development was undertaken as a result of a report made to the Fraud and Waste Hotline.

DISCUSSION

In accordance with the Governance report approved by Council on December 7, 2022, the Investigation of Allegations Related to Planning Activities for the Conservancy Development is being tabled with the Audit Committee. The report will then be referred to Council for approval of the audit recommendations. Details of the investigation objective, scope, findings, recommendations, and management action plans can be found in the investigation report (**Document 1**).

In addition to the detailed investigation reports, we have developed a one-page summary of key highlights from our investigation (**Document 2**).

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications associated with this report.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no legal implications associated with this report.

COMMENTS BY THE WARD COUNCILLOR(S)

This is a city-wide issue.

CONSULTATION

As part of this investigation the OAG consulted with members of the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority (RVCA).

ACCESSIBILITY IMPACTS

There are no accessibility impacts associated with this report.

RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

There are risk implications. These risks have been explained within the attached report. Recommendations have been made to staff in order to mitigate the risks to an acceptable level. Management responses contained within the report are meant to address the risks identified.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Document 1 – OAG: Investigation of Allegations Related to Planning Activities for the Conservancy Development

Document 1 – BVG: Enquête sur les allégations relatives aux activités de planification pour le développement de conservation

Document 2 – OAG: Investigation of Allegations Related to Planning Activities for the Conservancy Development - Highlights

Document 2 – BVG: Faits saillants tirés sur l'Enquête sur les allégations relatives aux activités de planification pour le développement de conservation

DISPOSITION

The Office of the Auditor General will proceed according to the direction of the Audit Committee and Council in considering this report.

Note: Pursuant to the Delegation of Authority By-law (By-law No. 2022-29), Schedule "C", Section 7, the City Clerk has authorized the correction of an error in supporting document 2 of the report prior to consideration by the Audit Committee. The correction is to include a bulleted paragraph that had been omitted in Document 2 – OAG: Investigation of Allegations Related to Planning Activities for the Conservancy Development – Highlights.