Subject: Office of the Auditor General (OAG) – 2024-2027 Audit Work Plan for the Ottawa Police Service

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Objet : Bureau de la vérificatrice générale (BVG) – Plan de travail de vérification 2024-2027 pour le Service de police d'Ottawa

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Rapport présenté au Comité de la vérification

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REPORT RECOMMENDATION(S)

That the Audit Committee recommend Council receive the 2024-2027 Audit Work Plan for the Ottawa Police Service.

RECOMMANDATION(S) DU RAPPORT

Que le Comité de la vérification recommande au Conseil de prendre connaissance du Plan de travail de vérification 2024-2027 pour le Service de police d'Ottawa.

BACKGROUND

On October 23, 2023, the Ottawa Police Services Board (OPSB) approved a motion inviting the Auditor General to:

- conduct an overall risk and opportunities assessment of the Ottawa Police Service (OPS); and
- develop an independent audit work plan in order to identify and prioritize opportunities to more effectively and efficiently deliver police services in the City of Ottawa.

The Office of the Auditor General (OAG) included the risk and opportunities assessment of OPS in its 2024-2025 Work Plan, which was approved by City Council on December 6, 2023. Work on the risk and opportunities assessment commenced in early 2024.

DISCUSSION

In accordance with the Governance report approved by Council on December 7, 2022, the 2024-2027 Audit Work Plan for the Ottawa Police Service is being tabled with the Audit Committee. This report will then be referred to Council for their information.

From January to April 2024, the OAG conducted a risk and opportunities-based assessment to identify recommended audit priorities. The results of this assessment have culminated in the OAG's 2024-2027 Audit Work Plan for the OPS. The plan outlines the work anticipated to be completed by the Office of the Auditor General over the course of the next three years. Further details of the OAG's 2024-2027 Audit Work Plan for the OPS can be found in Document 1.

The 2024-2027 Audit Work Plan for the Ottawa Police Service was presented to, and approved by, the OPSB on May 27, 2024.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications associated with this report.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no legal impediments to the Audit Committee and Council considering this report.

COMMENTS BY THE WARD COUNCILLOR(S)

This is a city-wide issue.

CONSULTATION

As this is considered an internal administrative matter, no public consultation was undertaken.

ACCESSIBILITY IMPACTS

There are no accessibility impacts associated with this report.

TERM OF COUNCIL PRIORITIES

This report supports the Term of Council Priorities related to Thriving Communities, Service Excellence Through Innovation and Thriving Workforce.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Document 1 - OAG: 2024-2027 Audit Work Plan for the Ottawa Police Service

Document 1 – BVG: Plan de travail de vérification 2024-2027 pour le Service de police d'Ottawa

DISPOSITION

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