

Subject: Office of the Auditor General (OAG) – Budget Reallocation

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Report to Audit Committee on 31 March 2026

and Council 8 April 2026

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Ward: Citywide

Objet : Bureau de la vérificatrice générale (BVG) – Réaffectation budgétaire

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REPORT RECOMMENDATION(S)

That the Audit Committee recommend Council approve the budget reallocation for 2 full-time employees.

RECOMMANDATION(S) DU RAPPORT

Que le Comité de la vérification recommande au Conseil d'approuver la réaffectation budgétaire pour 2 employés à temps plein.

BACKGROUND

Section 14 (1) of the [Auditor General Bylaw No. 2021-5](#) states that : “The annual budget of the Office of the Auditor General shall be in accordance with the budget strategy for the Term of Council.” Furthermore, the OAG’s [Audit Charter](#) indicates that: “The Auditor General will report periodically to the Audit Committee regarding the OAG’s budget”.

The Audit Committee’s [Terms of Reference](#) states that they are to: “Consider, for recommendation to Council, the annual budget and budget amendments for the Office of the Auditor General, subject to the budgetary powers and duties assigned to the head of Council under the *Municipal Act, 2001* and associated regulations and any Council-approved budget process.”

In accordance with the Auditor General Bylaw No. 2021-5, the Audit Charter and the Audit Committee Terms of Reference, the Auditor General presented the 2026 draft budget for the OAG to Audit Committee on November 28, 2025 which was subsequently approved by Council on December 10, 2025 ([ACS2025-FCS-FSP-0013](#)). The OAG’s 2026 budget of \$2.99M, largely consists of salaries, wages and benefits of \$2.1M and \$857K for professional services.

DISCUSSION

Due to a smaller team size, the OAG has historically outsourced a few audits per year to firms that have been qualified under our standing offer with overall direction and supervision performed by OAG management. This has enabled the Office to conduct a greater number of audits. Most recently we have seen greater efficiencies in the work being conducted by our internal staff vs. our outsourced engagements. Furthermore, having the audits conducted by staff allows for knowledge retention, in some cases can lead to higher quality/consistency of work and can provide a more seamless experience for the auditees.

As we have observed a significant up-tick in qualified resources looking for new employment, the Auditor General is requesting a reallocation of professional services dollars to salaries, wages and benefits to cover 2 additional Management Professional Exempt full-time employees. This will have no impact on the overall budget approved by Council in December 2025.

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.

RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

There are no risk implications associated with this report.

TERM OF COUNCIL PRIORITIES

This report supports the Term of Council Priority related to Governance, Planning and Decision Making.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

N/A

DISPOSITION

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