

OFFICE OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL – REPORT ON THE FLEET
SERVICES AUDIT

ACS 2021-OAG-BVG-008

CITY WIDE

REPORT RECOMMENDATION

That the Audit Committee receive the Report on the Fleet Services Audit and recommend that Council consider and approve the audit recommendations.

At the outset, Councillor T. Kavanagh, on behalf of Councillor L. Dudas, introduced the following motion:

AC MOTION No. 2021 1/13

Moved by Councillor T. Kavanagh (on behalf of Councillor L. Dudas)

WHEREAS the Audit of Fleet Services was included in the 2019 Audit Work Plan of the Office of the Auditor General (OAG) and was delivered today at Committee;

WHEREAS the Scope and Objectives of the audit were related to procedures related to economy, efficiency, and effectiveness, but did not examine the sustainable development strategies that might be implemented;

WHEREAS the city operates roughly 5,000 non-revenue vehicles;

WHEREAS the majority of North American auto manufacturers have made clear they are phasing out gas-powered vehicles;

WHEREAS the Government of Canada is legislatively phasing out the sale of new gas-powered vehicles by 2035;

WHEREAS the City of Ottawa has approved the Energy Evolution Plan which includes the Green Fleet Plan as a project to continue the conversion of City vehicles to hybrid and electric vehicles.

WHEREAS the more prepared the City, and the steadier the implementation of the Plans, the lower and more predictable the costs for the City;

WHEREAS it is imperative that these Plans include achievable and realistic milestones as part of their project timelines;

WHEREAS regardless of one's personal beliefs on the necessity of such a transition, external factors will necessitate it, requiring the City of Ottawa to be prepared;

WHEREAS the Auditor General outlined within the "Emerging Issues and Audit Horizon for 2022" section of her 2021 Interim Audit Work Plan consideration for an audit on the City's progress in implementing sustainable development strategies;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Auditor General consider including in her 2022-2023 audit work plan, as part of the possible audit on the progress in implementing these sustainable development strategies, the City's progress in meeting its already established greenhouse gas emissions targets.

Nathalie Gougeon, Auditor General and Ed Miner, Deputy Auditor General spoke to a PowerPoint presentation, a copy of which is held on file with the City Clerk. Valerie Turner, General Manager, Innovative Client Services, Yan St-Louis, Director, Fleet Services, Innovative Client Services and Nelson Gauvreau, Program Manager, Transit Maintenance, Transportation Services Department were in attendance to respond to questions.

The Deputy Auditor General and staff responded to questions pertaining to costs and timing in transitioning to an electric fleet, including training; and costs and use associated to the snow melter equipment.

Committee members questioned if discussion pertaining to costs should not be better suited at the Finance and Economic Development Committee. Staff offered to follow up with Committee members in this regard.

After discussion, the Committee CARRIED **AC MOTION No. 2021 1/13** and CARRIED the report recommendation as amended.