

Office of the City Auditor 2019 - 2022 Proposed Budget

Recommendation

That Audit Committee recommend to City Council:

That the Office of the City Auditor's 2019 - 2022 Budget, as outlined in Attachment 1 of the November 9, 2018, Office of the City Auditor report CR_6555, be approved.

Executive Summary

This report presents the Office of the City Auditor's recommended budget for 2019 - 2022.

Report

Attachment 1 contains a copy of the Office of the City Auditor's proposed budget for 2019 - 2022. The Office of the City Auditor has submitted its complete budget documents through the administrative budget process for formal consideration during City Council's budget deliberations.

Approximately 92 percent of the Office of the City Auditor's budget consists of salary and benefits. We are requesting approval to maintain our existing resource levels. As audit professionals, we remain committed to presenting accurate and convincing information that clearly supports our recommendations.

A significant role of the Office of the City Auditor is to conduct value-for-money audits. Approximately 70 percent of the Office of the City Auditor's resources are dedicated to value-for-money audits. These audits determine whether a department, service or program operates efficiently, effectively, and economically and whether risks are appropriately mitigated. Our audit reports have been a catalyst for change - both immediate and lasting. The issues that we have been involved with over the past few years have become more diverse, complex, strategic, and political.

The Office of the City Auditor strives to ensure Edmontonians' tax dollars are well spent and that City programs are effectively run. With our current resources and the amount of time that the Office of the City Auditor is able to dedicate to value-for-money

audits, the City is obtaining value for the current resources allocated to the Office of the City Auditor.

The Office of the City Auditor will undergo its fourth external Quality Assessment since 2006 in early 2020. The external Quality Assessment will include a complete review of the Office of the City Auditor's plans, policies, procedures and practices. In the three previous assessments, the Office of the City Auditor received the highest rating that an audit office can receive, which indicated that the Office of the City Auditor is well-structured, progressive, and in conformance with International Auditing Standards. The results of the external quality assessment will be reported to City Council through the Audit Committee.

Policy

Bylaw 16097, Audit Committee Bylaw, Section 14(g) states that, "Committee will review all reports from the City Auditor which will include reports from the City Auditor dealing with budget and staffing of the Office of the City Auditor."

Public Engagement

Public engagement was not required for this report.

Attachment

1. Office of the City Auditor 2019 - 2022 Operating Budget