

HISTORIC RESOURCES MANAGEMENT PROGRAM AUDIT

RECOMMENDATION

That the December 3, 2021, Office of the City Auditor report OCA00863, be received for information.

Report Purpose

Information only

Executive Summary

This report presents the results of the Historic Resources Management Program audit.

REPORT

The Historic Resources Management Program was put in place to identify, facilitate and manage the protection and reuse of Edmonton's Historic Resources. There are 1,104 currently identified city and privately-owned resources and the program's annual budget is \$2.3 million.

Overall, the audit found the governance structure is generally effective. The roles, responsibilities and procedures to designate historic resources are clear. The Branch tracks historic resources and the information is available to the public. The Branch also conducts projection and analysis to assess the program's financial health, as well as exploring different options and tools to address future funding challenges.

However, we identified areas to improve the program's effectiveness in the areas of guiding documents, historic resources listing and assessing historic resources conditions after issuing the grants. We made the following three recommendations:

- Regularly update its historic resource guiding documents.
- Review and update the City's Register and Inventory listing periodically for accuracy and completeness.

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- Formalize the approach to assess the ongoing condition of historic resources after the completion of grant-related rehabilitation work and identify potential remediation actions.

POLICY

Bylaw 16097, Audit Committee Bylaw, Section 14(d) states that, "Committee will review all reports from the City Auditor dealing with completed audit projects."

ATTACHMENT

1. Historic Resources Management Program Audit