

Environmental Strategies Audit

Recommendation

That the June 18, 2021, Office of the City Auditor report OCA00656, be received for information.

Executive Summary

This report presents the results of the Environmental Strategies audit.

Report

In 2015, City Council adopted Policy C585 Edmonton's Community Energy Transition Strategy, which outlines the goal to be an energy sustainable city. The City Environmental Strategy section developed and implemented five community programs to help achieve that goal.

This audit examined the operation of those five programs by reviewing program strategy and information, program performance, program funding, and program alignment and implementation. In addition, we looked at program and corporate performance measures.

The results of this audit indicate that the programs are performing as intended and that funding is secure and adequate to satisfy program demand.

Program performance measures may not accurately reflect the performance of the programs. Although the City's Environmental Strategies section is generally measuring the right things to assess program performance, issues when recalculating the results raises concerns about the accuracy and reliability of the performance measure results.

The City's environmental strategies and programs are positioned to be effective and ongoing changes to business planning approaches are improving the ability of the organization to implement complex, organization-wide strategies.

This audit includes one recommendation to improve performance measurement.

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."

Public Engagement

Public engagement was not required for this report.

Attachment

1. Environmental Strategies Audit report