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Report to Audit Committee
Status of Audit Recommendations
Quarterly Report Card - Summary
2013 – Quarter 4

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What is the Quarterly Report Card?

The Audit Department's work does not end when an audit report is presented to City Council. The most important component of an audit recommendation is its implementation. The Public Service provides a response to each audit recommendation in the Audit Report along with an action plan. The subsequent implementation of the audit recommendations in accordance with the action plans is the responsibility of the Public Service. The Audit Department has traditionally provided Audit Committee with an update on the status of the implementation of outstanding audit recommendations in its annual report. In 2006, the *Status of Audit Recommendations Quarterly Report Card* was introduced at the request of Audit Committee. The *Quarterly Report Card* is produced at the end of March, June, September and December and is presented at the next Audit Committee. The *Quarterly Report Card* presents management's representations as to the status of recommendations implemented, in progress or not to be implemented. For recommendations in progress, an implementation strategy and timeframe is provided. For recommendations not to be implemented, an explanation is provided.

How is the Quarterly Report Card produced?

The Audit Department provides a template of outstanding audit recommendations to the Department Director responsible for implementing the recommendation. The templates are forwarded to the Audit Department for review and compilation. The Audit Department summarizes the results and prepares a brief overview for Audit Committee. We do not audit the responses provided by the departments. The completed *Quarterly Report Card* is presented to Audit Committee by the City Auditor along with any observations he may have. The Department Directors attend the Audit Committee meeting to address concerns or questions regarding the responses raised by Audit Committee members.

Quarterly Report Cards are completed for five years following the issue date of an audit report. After five years, the Audit Department prepares a final report to Audit Committee that provides a summary of recommendations implemented, in progress and not to be implemented. Included is a complete history of status updates relating to those recommendations not implemented. After presentation of this final report, the status of audit recommendations will no longer be tracked by the Audit Department. If there are significant concerns that cannot be satisfactorily addressed by the Public Service, the Audit Committee may propose a new audit of the subject entity through the annual planning process.

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Status of Audit Recommendations

AUDIT REPORTS	RECOMMENDATIONS				TARGET DATE FOR COMPLETION			
	Total	Complete	Percent Complete	Not to be implemented	1st Qtr 2014	2nd Qtr 2014	3rd Qtr 2014 or later	Target Date Unknown
Capital Projects Management, 2009	6	3	50%	2		1		
	23	16	70%			7		
Building Permits and Inspections Service Audit, 2009	6	4	67%			2		
Local Improvements Audit, 2010	9	6	67%				3	
Traffic Signals Branch Performance Audit, 2011	19	14	74%				5	
Operational Review of the Winnipeg Parking Authority, 2011	27	23	85%	1	1	1	1	
Operational Review of Winnipeg Golf Services, 2011	11	3	27%	7		1		
Animal Services By-law Enforcement Audit, 2011	13	10	77%				3	
Corporate Leadership Training & Development Audit, 2012	6	4	67%				2	
Review of the Winnipeg Public Library Services, 2012	9	6	67%	1			1	1
Contract with Winnipeg Airports Authority, 2012	13	3	23%		9	1		
Review of the Hired Equipment Process, 2012	9	1	11%				8	
Safety Review of Aquatics Services, 2013	15	11	73%	1			3	
WPS Civilianization, 2012	7	3	43%					4
TOTAL	173	107	62%	12	10	13	26	5

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4th Quarter 2013 Commitments

AUDIT REPORTS	4th Qtr Target for Implementation	Complete	NEW TARGET	
			Recommendation	Date
Building Permits and Inspections Service Audit, 2009	2	2		
Local Improvements Audit, 2010	1	1		
Operational Review of the Winnipeg Parking Authority, 2011	1	1		
Contract with Winnipeg Airports Authority, 2012	10	0	#2, 3, 4, 8, 9 #10, 11, 12, 13 #1	1st Qtr 2014 2nd Qtr 2014
Animal Services By-law Enforcement Audit, 2011	1	0	#2	4th Qtr 2014
Review of Hired Equipment Process, 2012	4	0	#2, 3, 5, 7	4th Qtr 2015
Safety Review of Aquatics Services, 2013	2	1	#8	4th Qtr 2015
TOTAL	21	5		

This table summarizes the status of the 21 recommendations targeted for review in the 4th Quarter of 2013, including new target dates for implementation.

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Audit Observations

Four recommendations have been implemented in the 4th Quarter of 2013. Two recommendations were implemented from the *Building Permits and Inspections Service Audit*, one from the *Local Improvements Audit* and one from the *Operational Review of the Winnipeg Parking Authority.* As at December 31, 2013, 107 of the 173 (62%) contained in this Report Card have been implemented and there are 54 recommendations in progress.

Fifteen recommendations missed the 4th Quarter 2013 target date for implementation:

- Ten recommendations came from the *Winnipeg Police Service Contract with Winnipeg Airports Authority*. The implementation of nine of these recommendations is dependent on successful negotiations of a new contract. Contract negotiations are currently in progress. One recommendation deals with an amendment to the Materials Management Policy which is expected to be completed in the 2nd Quarter of 2014.
- One recommendation came from the *Animal Services By-law Enforcement Audit Traffic Signals Branch Performance Audit*. This recommendation deals with the recognition of common offence notice revenue in Animal Services financial statements. This is now expected to take place for the year ended December 31, 2014.
- Four recommendations come from *the Review of the Hired Equipment Process.* These four recommendations are dependent upon the integration of PeopleSoft and TKMMS which is scheduled for completion in the 4th Quarter of 2015.
- One recommendation came from the *Safety Review of Aquatics Services*. This recommendation involves the installation of a 150 mm diameter black disc to assist in determining water clarity in all pools. All pools are expected to be completed in the 4th Quarter of 2015.

The Public Service has reported that 10 of the 54 recommendations in progress should be implemented by March 31, 2014. The status of these 10 recommendations will be the focus of our next report card.