Minutes – Executive Policy Committee – December 3, 2019

AUDIT COMMITTEE

Item No. 1 Audit Department Peer Review

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

The Executive Policy Committee, in its capacity as the Audit Committee, concurred in the recommendation of the Winnipeg Public Service and recommended to Council:

1. That the Audit Committee receive the Peer Review Report and the City Auditor Response as information.

DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

Moved by Councillor Rollins,

That Rule 10(3) of The Procedure By-law No. 50/2007 be suspended in order that the following item, which was received less than four business days preceding the committee meeting, be considered by Committee.

Carried

Moved by Councillor Gilroy,

That the recommendation of the Winnipeg Public Service be concurred in and forwarded to Council.

Carried

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Title: Audit Department Peer Review

Critical Path: Audit Committee - Council

AUTHORIZATION

Author	Department Head	CFO	CAO
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Audit Department performs its work in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*. These standards provide professional guidance for government-related audits and require us to follow relevant CPA Canada auditing standards where they are applicable to our work. *Government Auditing Standards* require an independent external peer review of our operations to be conducted and published every three years. We believe that this requirement provides transparent accountability for the quality of our work to Council and to the public.

A peer review of the Audit Department was completed for the period of December 1, 2016 to September 30, 2019, and we have received a clean opinion from the peer review team (Attachment 1 – Certificate of Compliance). The peer review team's report is attached (Attachment 2) along with the City Auditor response (Attachment 3). It is the opinion of the Association of Local Government Auditors that the Audit Department's quality control system was suitably designed and operating effectively to provide reasonable assurance of our compliance with *Government Auditing Standards* for audits and attestation engagements for the period reviewed.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the Audit Committee receive the Peer Review Report and the City Auditor Response as information.

REASON FOR THE REPORT

The report is submitted in accordance with the City Organization By-law 7100/97 section 19(d)(iv) that the Audit Committee will "Receive and review audit reports, and table such reports with its recommendations at a regular meeting of Executive Policy Committee."

IMPLICATIONS OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS

There are no implications arising from receiving this report as information.

HISTORY/DISCUSSION

The objective of a peer review is to determine whether an audit organization's quality control system is suitably designed and is in place and operating effectively. A peer review also provides assurance that an audit organization is following its established policies and procedures and applicable auditing standards.

A Peer Review of the Audit Department was previously endorsed by the Audit Committee in the City Auditor's Audit Plan 2015–2018 – 2016 Update. Our first peer review was conducted in December 2016. Standard 5.84 of *Government Auditing Standards* state that a peer review is to be conducted in three (3) year intervals.

The peer review team also made four (4) accompanying recommendations to further enhance our department's demonstrated adherence to *Government Auditing Standards*. The City Auditor has addressed each of the recommendations in the attached response letter, and has committed to implementing solutions.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Financial Impact Statement

Date: November 5, 2019

Project Name:

Audit Department Peer Review

Comments:

There are no financial implications associated with receiving this report as information.

(Original signed by T.Yanchishyn)
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CONSULTATION

This Report has been prepared in consultation with:

N/A

OURWINNIPEG POLICY ALIGNMENT

01-3 Prosperity - Direction 1 - Provide Efficient and Focused Civic Administration and Governance

This report supports the demonstration of accountability through reporting and to continuously pursue innovative, streamlined service delivery and decision-making processes.

WINNIPEG CLIMATE ACTION PLAN ALIGNMENT

The City of Winnipeg Audit Department provides assurance on the efficiency, effectiveness and economy of City programs and activities, thus enabling an organizational operating environment that promotes support of the vision and targets of the Winnipeg Climate Action Plan.

SUBMITTED BY

Department: Audit Department
Prepared by: B. Mansky, City Auditor
Date: October 28, 2019

ATTACHMENTS: