

**Knighton Award from the Association of Local Government Auditors (ALGA)**

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<b>To:</b>	Audit Committee
<b>From:</b>	Auditor General
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**SUMMARY**

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In December 2008, City Council received the Auditor General's report entitled "Audit of City Performance in Achieving Access, Equity and Human Rights Goals." The Auditor General recently received notification that this audit received an Award in the Association of Local Government's (ALGA) 2008 Knighton Award competition.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT**

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There is no financial impact resulting from receipt of this report.

**ISSUE BACKGROUND**

The Association of Local Government Auditors (ALGA) represents approximately 400 local government audit organizations in North America. The ALGA Knighton Award competition was created in 1995 to encourage excellence among local government auditors through recognizing the best performance audit reports in large, medium and small audit organizations.

Each year local government audit organizations submit their best performance audit report for evaluation in relation to the following five criteria:

- Scope and potential for significant impact
- Persuasiveness of conclusions
- Focus of the recommendations on effective and efficient government
- Clarity and conciseness of communication style
- Innovation

## COMMENTS

The Auditor General submitted the audit report entitled “Audit of City Performance in Achieving Access, Equity and Human Rights Goals” (adopted by City Council in December 2008) for consideration in the 2008 ALGA Knighton Award competition. The audit was submitted in the “Large Audit Shop” category which comprises audit organizations with 16 or more auditors. Submissions are evaluated by a panel of independently appointed judges.

In a letter dated April 27, 2008 addressed to the Auditor General, the ALGA Awards Committee Chair stated that the Auditor General’s report on “Audit of City Performance in Achieving Access, Equity and Human Rights Goals” received a 2008 Award and in “...doing so, your Auditor General’s Office has demonstrated that it is among the best of local government audit organizations.”

The Audit of City Performance in Achieving Access, Equity and Human Rights Goals was conducted to determine the extent to which the City has achieved its access, equity and human rights goals. The audit consisted of a benchmarking component to identify access and equity related practices in six private and public sector organizations all of which had won recent awards for best practices in promoting access, equity and human rights. The audit provided 29 recommendations pertaining to the following areas:

- Human rights
- Civic engagement
- Corporate and divisional planning and implementation
- Access, equity and human rights planning among City Agencies, Boards, Commissions and Corporations
- Monitoring and measuring progress

This is the second ALGA award received by the Auditor General’s Office. In 2000, the Auditor General received the award for Best Special Project in the Large Audit Shop category for his Review of the Investigation of Sexual Assaults – Toronto Police Service.

The receipt of a 2008 Knighton Award affirms the Auditor General’s commitment to conducting high quality audits that have positive organizational impact, contribute to an efficient and effective government, and provide value for money to the taxpaying public.

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## **SIGNATURE**

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