



John Tory  
Mayor

July 6, 2018

Stephen Holyday  
Chair, Audit Committee  
Deputy Mayor & Councillor, Ward 3-Etobicoke Centre  
City of Toronto

Dear Deputy Mayor Holyday:

**RE: AU13.11 *Raising the Alarm: Fraud Investigation of a Vendor Providing Life Safety Inspection Services to the City of Toronto***

I write to you today in your capacity as the chair of the Audit Committee.

I know you have read the report on fire safety in City buildings from Auditor General Beverly Romeo-Beehler and share my utter disappointment at the findings of her investigation.

Her investigation, which traced concerns all the way back to 2011, is important because it chronicles an absolute failure to conduct proper due diligence when hiring life safety inspection vendors for City buildings.

She also notes a lack of cooperation from some members of City staff during her investigation – that quite simply is a disgrace. Staff should absolutely be cooperating with our Auditor General.

I urge the Audit Committee to immediately accept all her recommendations and demand an immediate report on compliance of these buildings and request that the Fire Chief provides assurances that buildings are compliant.

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I trust Toronto Police and Toronto Fire Services have been duly notified of the issues uncovered by this investigation.

I want you to know that I have also met with senior City staff and urged in the strongest terms possible that they review the report and staff identified in the report and give every consideration to the disciplinary actions that can be taken up to and including dismissal.

Any time there is concern of wrongdoing related to public money, it must be reported to the Auditor General. I find it inconceivable that this was not done in this case and I fully expect staff to ensure this does not happen again.

I know you share my concerns with these matters and I trust you and committee members will take appropriate action.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John Tory", with a large, stylized flourish extending from the end of the signature.

John Tory  
Mayor of Toronto