AUDITOR GENERAL

Auditor General's Office TORONTO

Auditor General's Recommended 2019 Operating Budget

Budget Briefing to Budget Committee



February 6, 2019



Overview and Highlights

2019 Auditor General's Recommended Operating Budget











Our Services



Key Responsibilities:

a) Perform financial, compliance and performance (value for money) audits

b) Operate the Fraud and Waste Hotline;

c) Conduct investigations into fraud and other wrongdoing, as well as allegations of reprisals against employees under the Disclosure of Wrongdoing and Reprisal Protection rules;

d) Oversee the contract of the external auditors who perform annual financial statement audits; and

e) Follow up on recommendations from previous audit and investigation reports.





Budget Highlights



Our Activities & Outcomes 🞸



- Realized **significant savings** \$10 return for every \$1 invested in Office
- Completed 13 audits and investigations, many with important nonfinancial impacts
- Received highest quality rating on an independent, international peer review of our audit operations

*More details in the Auditor General's 2019 Operating Budget report and 2018 Annual Report







• Retaining and developing staff:

- Temporary staff are a challenge to retain in a competitive market
- Investments in developing and preparing staff for the future is put at risk with temporary positions
- Meeting forensic and reprisal investigation demands in a timely manner:
 - Unpredictable number and complexity of fraud and reprisal allegations
 - For the City's size and complexity, the Hotline team is small





- 1. Stabilize workforce: Make permanent the four existing Council-approved temporary positions
 - No net dollar impact in 2019
 - A base impact of less than \$0.4 million should the current temporary funding be rescinded in 2020
- 2. Develop a skilled workforce: Development at all levels is key
 - Continue to invest in skills transfer and professional development, including our CPA pre-approved training program
- 3. Create capacity: Cross-training forensic and investigative staff
 - Supplement with contracts to address volume issues



The Auditor General's 2019 Annual Work Plan will be presented to Audit Committee on February 22, 2019

- 11 ongoing and upcoming audits in 2018-2019 and 14 potential new projects in our horizon to be started in 2019 or 2020
- City-wide risk assessment process to identify audit priorities will begin again in 2019
- In-depth forensic investigations into allegations of fraud, wrongdoing, and reprisals against employees will continue



Savings from our audits and investigations far outweigh our audit costs



ROI: For every \$1 invested, the City achieves a return of over \$10

- Our 2018 Annual Report provides additional detail on the savings
- The report will be presented to Audit Committee on February 22, 2019



Value of the Auditor General's Office

Recommendations from audits and investigations lead to improved governance, accountability, risk management and internal controls







Operating Budget Overview



Auditor General's Recommended 2019 Operating **Budget By Expenditure Category and Funding Source**

2019 Auditor General-Recommended Operating Budget: \$6.639 million

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- 2.1% budget increase (\$0.135 million) over the 2018 Approved Net Operating Budget to maintain existing service levels and align staffing to better support value for money audit and investigations.
- **\$0M** New/enhanced funding to make permanent four existing Council-approved temporary positions
- 2020/2021 Sustain investment in the Auditor General's Office at 2019 budget levels, adjusting for increases in salaries and benefits, and inflationary adjustments for contracts and non-payroll items.



Where the money goes



Auditor General's Recommended 2019 Net Operating Budget vs 2018



	2	2018		2019				
(In \$000s)	Budget	Projected Actual*	Base	New / Enhanced	Total Auditor General- Recommended Budget	Chan	Changes	
Office of the Auditor General	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	%	
							-	
Gross Expenditure	6,503.5	6,488.5	6,638.6	0.0	6,638.6	135.2	2.1%	
Revenue					0.0	0.0	-	
Total Net Expenditures	6,503.5	6,488.5	6,638.6	0.0	6,638.6	135.2	2.1%	
Approved Positions	36.0	36.0	36.0	0.0	36.0	0.0	0.0%	

* Year-End Projection Based on Q3 2018 Variance Report

Base Changes

(\$6.639M Gross and Net)

• Salary & benefit adjustment related to progression pay and benefit adjustments.

• Economic factor adjustments for non-payroll items.

New/Enhanced Service Priorities (\$0M Gross and Net)

• Stablize staffing by making permanent four existing Council-approved temporary positions, which will better align staffing to support value for money audits and investigations. The budget pressure associated with these conversions is offset by reductions in the non-payroll budget.

• These temporary positions were part of the Budget Committee recommended temporary budget increases approved by Council at its meeting on February 15-16, 2017 (EX22.2) and amended February 12, 2018 (EX31.2) to provide the AG's Office with additional capacity to undertake value for money audits and investigations.

Future Year Plan

• The temporary budget increases approved by City Council in 2017 (as amended in 2018) will reverse in 2020.

• By choosing to sustain its investment at 2019 levels (after accounting for increases in salaries and benefits and nonpayroll items), City Council is supporting the Auditor General's current capacity to undertake value for money audits and investigations. This also enables the Auditor General's Office to continue to build organizational knowledge by ensuring staff continuity for planned audit projects.





Office of the Auditor General	Total Changes				
(In \$000s)	\$	Position			
Base Expenditure Changes					
Prior year impacts	(35.3)				
Inflationary Factors	4.0				
Salaries & Benefits	166.5				
Other Base Expenditure changes					
Base Revenue Changes					
Service Changes					
	135.2				





(In \$000s)									
		2019		Incremental Impact					
				2020	Plan	2021	Plan		
Office of the Auditor General (\$000s)	Gross	Net	Position	Net	Position	Net	Position		
Convert 4 temporary Audit Analyst positions to permanent	0.0	0.0	0.0	10.1	0.0	7.8	0.0		
Total	0.0	0.0	0.0	10.1	0.0	7.8	0.0		

Enhancement Request

- The Auditor General's 2019 Operating Budget includes a request to convert four existing Council-approved temporary positions to permanent positions
- This request has no net impact in 2019
 - It would permanently extend the prior year Council-approved budget increases related to the four temporary positions – a base impact in future years of less than \$0.400 million should the current temporary funding be rescinded in 2020





Appendices



2019 Organizational Chart for Auditor General's Office



Budget	Category	Senior Management	Management with Direct Reports	Management without Direct Reports / Exempt Professional & Clerical	Union	Total
Operating	Permanent Pos	1.0	5.0	30.0	0.0	36.0
operating	Temporary Pos					0.0
Total	Total	1.0	5.0	30.0	0.0	36.0



Staffing Trend (Council-approved positions)



Key Points:

- The 2018 Council-approved complement is 36.0 positions (32 permanent; 4 temporary)
- Over 70% of audit and investigative staff are new to the City, or new in their positions (within the last 3 years)
- A significant investment of time and money has been made towards onboarding, training and developing staff hired in these permanent and temporary positions



Vacancy Analysis

		2016			2017		2018				
Agency Name	# of Vacancies	Vacancies % of Total Approved Position		# of Vacancies	Vacancies % of Total Approved Position	Approved Position	# of Vacancies as at Sept 30	# of Vacancies Projections to Dec 31	Vacancies % of Total Approved Position	Approved Position	
Operating	2.5	7.9%	31.5	2.0	6.3%	32.0	3.0	0.0	0.0%	36.0	
Capital											
Total	2.5	7.9%	31.5	2.0	6.3%	32.0	3.0	0.0	0.0%	36.0	

Key Points:

- Vacancies at September 30, 2018 were filled by December 31, 2018
- The Office is operating at full complement



	2018	2019 Complement Changes									
Auditor General's Office	Approved Staff Complement	Prior Year Impact	Operating Impacts of Capital Projects	Capital Project Delivery	Base Changes	Efficiencies	Service Changes	Total 2019 Base Budget		Total 2019 Staff Recommended Budget	Change from 2018 Approved
Operating	36.0							36.0	0.0	36.0	
Total complement	36.0							36.0	0.0	36.0	

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2018 Year-to-Date September 30 Variance and Year-End Variance Projection Summary (In \$ Millions)

2017 Variance						018 YTD er 30 Vari	ance		2018 YE Projection Variance								
Accountability Office	Gro	SS	Ne	Net Alert		Net Alert		Gr	055	Ne	t	Alert	Gro	SS	Net		Alert
In \$ Millions	\$	%	\$	%	1	\$	%	\$	%		\$	%	\$	%			
Office of the Auditor General	(0.52)	(8.7%)	(0.52)	(8.7%)	@	(0.32)	(6.9%)	(0.32)	(6.9%)	G	(0.02)	(0.2%)	(0.02)	(0.2%)	@		
Net Variance	Year	G	R			Year-to-	G	\odot	R		Year	G	R				
	End	<=100%	> 100%			Date	85% - 105%		>105%		End	<=100%	> 100%				



Auditor General's Recommended 2019 Operating Budget Changes

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	Т	otal
(in \$000s)	\$	Positions
2018 Council Approved Operating Budget (Net)	6,503.5	36.0
Base Expenditure Changes		
Prior Year Impacts		
Other Prior Year Impacts	(35.3)	
Economic Factors		
Divisional Economic Factors	4.0	
Salaries and Benefits		
COLA	51.3	
Progression Pay	103.5	
Benefits adjustments	11.6	
Other Base Expenditure Changes		
Time-Limited Increased Funding - Budget Reallocation		
Sub-Total Base Expenditure Changes	135.2	0.0
Base Revenue Changes		
Sub-Total Base Revenue Changes		
Service Changes		
Sub-Total Service Changes		
Total Base Changes	135.2	0.0
New & Enhanced Services		
Conversion of 4 temporary Audit Analyst positions to permanent	0.0	0.0
Sub-Total New & Enhanced Services		
Total 2019 Auditor General-Recommended Operating Budget (Net)	6,638.6	36.0





		2020 - In	cremental l	ncrease			2021 - Inc	remental l	ncrease	
Auditor General's Office				%					%	
Description (\$000s)	Gross	Revenue	Net	Change	Position	Gross	Revenue	Net	% Change 0.1% 1.5% 0.0% 0.1% 1.7%	Position
Known Impacts:										
Prior Year Impact										
Annualization of 2019 Service Efficiencies										
Annualization of 2019 Service Changes										
Annualization of 2019 New/Enhanced	10.1		10.1	0.2%		7.8		7.8	0.1%	
Other Prior Year Impacts	(1,155.5)		(1,155.5)	(17.4%)						
Salaries and Benefits										
COLA & Progression Pay	61.8		61.8	0.9%		81.3		81.3	1.5%	
Other Adjustments	43.0		43.0	0.6%		2.0		2.0	0.0%	
Other Base Changes (specify)										
Economic Factors	6.4		6.4	0.1%		3.9		3.9	0.1%	
IDC/IDR Changes										
Volume Changes										
Contributions to Reserves										
Other Base Changes										
Sub-Total	(1,034.3)		(1,034.3)	(15.6%)		95.0		95.0	1.7%	
Anticipated Impacts:										
Anticipated Impacts (Base)										
Anticipated Service Changes										
Anticipated New / Enhanced										
Other (specify)										
Sub-Total										
Total Incremental Impact	(1.034.3)		(1.034.3)	(15.6%)		95.0		95.0	1.7%	

2020 and 2021 Outlook

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