

Auditor General's Office - 2024 Operating Budget

Date: December 18, 2023

To: Budget Committee

From: Auditor General

Wards: All

SUMMARY

This report presents to Budget Committee the proposed 2024 Operating Budget for the Auditor General's Office (the "Office").

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Auditor General recommends:

1. The 2024 Operating Budget for the Auditor General's Office of \$7.991 million gross and \$7.991 million net.
2. The 2024 staff complement for the Auditor General's Office of 44.0 positions, comprised of 44.0 operating positions.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The Auditor General's Office's 2024 Operating Budget request will result in an inclusion of \$7.991 million gross and \$7.991 million net in the proposed 2024 Operating Budget.

DECISION HISTORY

The 2024 Operating Budget request is a new proposal.

On February 15, 2023, City Council adopted with amendments MPB4.1 - 2023 Operating and Capital Budgets [Agenda Item History - 2023.MPB4.1 \(toronto.ca\)](#) approving the 2023 Operating Budget for the Auditor General's Office totalling \$7.350 million gross, and \$7.350 million net.

On October 11, 2023, City Council adopted without amendments EX8.3 - Operating Variance Report for the Six Months Ended June 30, 2023 [Agenda Item History - 2023.EX8.3 \(toronto.ca\)](#) approving an adjustment to the 2023 Operating Budget for the Auditor General's Office of \$0.269 million gross and \$0.269 million net to allocate the 2023 salary and benefit budget related to COLA and performance pay for non-union staff from Non-Program to the AG's Office.

COMMENTS

As provided for by the *City of Toronto Act, 2006* and Chapter 3 of the Toronto Municipal Code, the Auditor General is accountable to City Council and independent from City administration. The 2024 Operating Budget for the Auditor General's Office is therefore presented directly to the Budget Committee for consideration. (Reference: *City of Toronto Act, 2006*), s.177(2), s. 178(1); Chapter 3 of the Toronto Municipal Code, ss. 3-1.9; Budget Protocol for Accountability Officers.)

Prior to the 2023 Budget, the Auditor General submitted her budget to Audit Committee for consideration in accordance with subsection 3-3.7 of the Toronto Municipal Code which states "The Auditor General shall submit his or her annual budget request to the Audit Committee for consideration and recommendation to Council."

In accordance with the new requirements of Bill 3, Strong Mayors, Building Homes Act, 2022 and Mayoral Decision 1-2022, the Audit Committee's responsibilities no longer includes recommendation of the Auditor General's budget to Council.

The attached Budget Notes provide members of Council with information about the Auditor General Office's proposed 2024 Operating Budget.

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SIGNATURE

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: 2024 Budget Notes – Office of the Auditor General