TORONTO

REPORT FOR ACTION

Auditor General's Office - 2025 Operating Budget

Date: December 3, 2024 **To:** Budget Committee **From:** Auditor General

Wards: All

SUMMARY

This report presents to Budget Committee the proposed 2025 Operating Budget for the Auditor General's Office (the "Office").

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Auditor General recommends:

- 1. The 2025 Operating Budget for the Auditor General's Office of \$8.651 million gross and \$8.651 million net.
- 2. The 2025 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 2025 Operating Budget request will result in an inclusion of \$8.651 million gross and \$8.651 million net in the proposed 2025 Operating Budget.

DECISION HISTORY

The 2025 Operating Budget request is a new proposal.

On February 14, 2024, City Council adopted with amendments MPB15.1 - 2024

Operating and Capital Budgets approving the 2024 Operating Budget for the Auditor General's Office totalling \$7.991 million gross, and \$7.991 million net.

On July 24, 2024, City Council adopted without amendments <u>EX16.13 - Operating Variance Report for the Four Months Ended April 30, 2024</u> approving an adjustment to the 2024 Operating Budget for the Auditor General's Office of \$0.300 million gross and \$0.300 million net to transfer the 2024 Non-Union cost-of-living allowance and pay-for-performance budget from Non-Program.

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.

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

The 2025 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.)

The attached Budget Notes provide members of Council with information about the Auditor General Office's proposed 2025 Operating Budget.

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