

City Internal Auditor's Office Administrative Changes

ISSUE

This report seeks approval of the administrative changes to the City Internal Auditor's Office.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Standing Policy Committee on Finance approve the following administrative changes as highlighted in the report of City Internal Auditor dated September 12, 2022.

- Change the department name from the "City Internal Auditor's Office" to the "Independent Office of the City Auditor".
- Change the title of the designated officer from the "City Internal Auditor" to "City Auditor"

BACKGROUND

In April 2021, City Council hired a City Internal Auditor which resulted in the establishment of the City Internal Auditor's Office at the City of Saskatoon (City). The City Internal Auditor is independent of the Administration and reports directly to City Council through the Standing Policy Committee on Finance.

DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS

The independence of the City Internal Auditor's Office is key to carry out the work freely and objectively. Although, the City Internal Auditor's Office carries out the work independent of the Administration, it is important that the department's name and title of the City Internal Auditor also reflects the independence.

Currently, the Office responsible for assessing the City's operations is referred to as the "City Internal Auditor's Office" and the individual appointed by City Council to lead the oversight role is referred to as the "City Internal Auditor".

At the City of Edmonton, the Office is referred to as the "Office of the City Auditor" and the lead is referred to as the "City Auditor". Similarly, at the City of Calgary, the Office is referred to as the "City Auditor's Office" and the lead is referred to as the "City Auditor".

To demonstrate further independence of the City Internal Auditor's Office and to bring it in line with other municipalities such as the City of Edmonton and City of Calgary, the following administrative changes are proposed:

- Change the department name from the "City Internal Auditor's Office" to the "Independent Office of the City Auditor".
- Change the title of the designated officer from the "City Internal Auditor" to "City Auditor"

OTHER IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial, privacy, legal, social, or environmental implications identified.

REPORT APPROVAL

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