



INFORMATION REPORT

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TO: The Halifax Board of Police Commissioners

FROM: Chief Daniel Kinsella, Halifax Regional Police

DATE: June 21, 2021

SUBJECT: **HRP Information Technology Audit Progress Report (Public recommendations)**

Background:

In February 2021, the Halifax Regional Municipality (HRM) Office of the Auditor General (OAG) released the findings of its audit of Halifax Regional Police (HRP) Information Technology systems. The audit had two sets of recommendations - public and in-camera. This update pertains to the progress made on the public recommendations.

In February 2021, HRP formed a project team to address the findings and recommendations of the OAG audit. It is anticipated that the overall implementation of work will take place within an 18-month period. HRP provided its first update on the work of the project to the Board of Police Commissioners (BoPC) on April 19, 2021, and will continue to provide updates to the BoPC throughout the life of the project.

The second progress report is being submitted on June 21, 2021. As per discussions with the BoPC and in agreement with them, recommendation 8 has been completed for the public portion of the recommendations and is listed in the table below. This is in addition to the prior completion of recommendations 1, 2, 9 and 10. Further details of these recommendations will be provided to the BoPC directly as requested, while factoring in any operational sensitivities related to the subject matter.

Summary of Progress:

Recommendation	Target Date	Status
1	Halifax Regional Police should implement a process to ensure only complete and accurate information on security of IT operations is provided to the Board of Police Commissioners	April 2021 Complete
2	Halifax Regional Police should establish a reporting relationship between the Chief Information Security Officer and all staff with covert information technology security responsibilities.	April 2021 Complete
8	Halifax Regional Police policies should address secure storage of information, including secure data destruction when surplus or damaged equipment is disposed of; requirement for security of removable media; and protection and security of offsite equipment	June 2021 Complete
9	Halifax Regional Police should update, and regularly maintain, its information technology asset lists	April 2021 Complete
10	Halifax Regional Police should assess Halifax Regional Municipality Information, Communication, and Technology division policies for teleworking to determine whether they are adequate for Halifax Regional Police purposes	April 2021 Complete