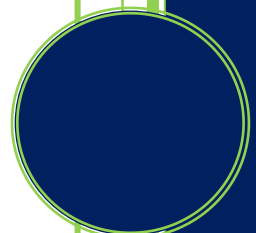




Annual Report and 2017-18 Audit Priorities

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About Our Office

- Halifax Regional Municipality Charter establishes Auditor General's role
- Auditor General is appointed by Regional Council
- Audit programs and accounts of municipality and municipal bodies
- Assist Halifax Regional Council in holding itself and administration accountable for the use of public funds
- 2017-18 budget: \$1 million, which includes funding for ten full-time-equivalent staff
- Establish annual audit priorities based on our assessment of risks in various program areas

What's New

- Current Auditor General, Evangeline Colman-Sadd, began seven-year term in October 2016
- Addressed staffing vacancies
- Audit Director, Paul Flinn, started in January 2017
- Two audit staff – Emily Zinck and Leanne Burnett – started in early 2017
- Contract management audit in progress, to be reported June 2017

2017-18 Audit Priorities

Subject	Business Unit
Drinking Water Safety	Halifax Water
Development Approvals	Planning & Development
Surplus Buildings	Finance & Asset Management
IT Roles	Halifax Regional Police
Procurement	Finance & Asset Management

Other Upcoming Initiatives

- Implement TeamMate – electronic audit file software
 - No longer need paper audit files
 - Help automate follow up of audit recommendations
- Develop a new reporting format
 - Streamlined
 - Electronic
 - Include more detailed management responses to recommendations
- Decide how to follow up recommendations made up to 2016
- Determine a follow-up interval for work completed 2017 onward
- Establish our strategic goals for next three to five years
- Develop Office performance measures to report against in future years

2016-17 Work

- Effectiveness of Strategic Workforce Planning
- Management of Small Equipment
- Flexible Work Arrangement Programs
- Continued recommendation follow-up process with 2010-11 and 2011-12 reports
- Reports available at: <http://www.halifax.ca/auditorgeneral/reports.php>

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