

# **REPORT TO COUNCIL**

### AUDITOR GENERAL COMMITTEE

#### **SEPTEMBER 17, 2021**

A meeting of the Auditor General Committee was held on Friday, September 17, 2021, at 1:02 pm, in the Council Chamber, Third Floor, City Hall. This Council meeting was convened by electronic means as authorized under Part 14 of the *Procedure By-law* and *Vancouver Charter* and the Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General of the Province of British Columbia – *Emergency Program Act*, updated Ministerial Order No. M192.

PRESENT:	Councillor Pete Fry, Chair Councillor Rebecca Bligh Councillor Colleen Hardwick Councillor Sarah Kirby-Yung (Vice-Chair) Councillor Michael Wiebe Archie G. Johnston (External Representative) Karen Keilty (External Representative)
ALSO PRESENT:	Mike Macdonell, Auditor General
CITY CLERK'S OFFICE:	Rosemary Hagiwara, Deputy City Clerk Tina Penney, Deputy City Clerk Rowena Choi, Meeting Coordinator

### WELCOME

The Chair acknowledged we are on the unceded territories of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh Nations and we thank them for having cared for this land and look forward to working with them in partnership as we continue to build this great city together.

The Chair also recognized the immense contributions of the City of Vancouver's staff who work hard every day to help make our city an incredible place to live, work, and play.

### WELCOMING AUDITOR GENERAL AND EXTERNAL REPRESENTATIVES

The Chair introduced the two External Advisory Liaison Committee Members, Archie G. Johnston and Karen Keilty, and additionally, Mike Macdonell as the newly appointed Auditor General for the City of Vancouver, and, along with the Committee, welcomed them onboard.

These appointments follow the November 4, 2020 Council approval of the establishment of the Office of the Auditor General and the terms of reference for the <u>Auditor General Recruitment</u> <u>Committee</u> (AGRC)\* and the <u>Auditor General Committee</u> (AGC)\*.

The AGRC, formed for the purpose of recruiting an independent Auditor General, was comprised of Councillors Rebecca Bligh, Adriane Carr, Lisa Dominato, Colleen Hardwick as Chair, and Sarah Kirby-Yung.

The two External Advisory Liaison Members, Archie G. Johnston and Karen Keilty, were appointed on December 11, 2020.

Following the recruitment process, Mike Macdonell was the successful candidate selected as the Auditor General for the City of Vancouver on August 9, 2021.

Archie G. Johnston, Karen Keilty and Mike Macdonell provided a summary of their background and expertise that enables them to assist in the guidance and support on auditing issues to Councillors and the overall vision of the Committee in improving public accountability.

\*Terms of Reference amended, please refer to the <u>minutes</u> of the Standing Committee on Policy and Strategic Priorities meeting of November 4, 2020 for details.

# 1. Presentation: Auditor General Work Plan

Mike Macdonell, Auditor General, presented on the 100-day plan for establishing the office of the Auditor General to the Committee, highlighting the structure, objectives and priorities.

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At 1:26 pm, during the presentation, the Committee agreed to take a brief recess to address technical difficulties; the Committee reconvened at 1:31 pm.

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Following the presentation, the Auditor General responded to questions from the Committee.

### ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Councillor Hardwick

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Committee adjourned at 2:03 pm.

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