



REPORT TO COUNCIL

AUDITOR GENERAL COMMITTEE MINUTES

May 7, 2026

A Meeting of the Auditor General Committee was held on Thursday, May 7, 2026, at 9:32 am, in the Council Chamber, Third Floor, City Hall. This Committee meeting was convened in person and via electronic means as authorized by Part 14 of the *Procedure By-law*.

PRESENT: Councillor Lisa Dominato, Chair
Councillor Sarah Kirby-Yung, Vice Chair
Councillor Mike Klassen
Councillor Brian Montague
Councillor Lenny Zhou
Archie G. Johnston, External Advisory Liaison Member
Gordon Ruth, External Advisory Liaison Member
Charlene Taylor, External Advisory Liaison Member

AUDITOR GENERAL'S OFFICE: Mike Macdonell, Auditor General
Lori Berndt, Deputy Auditor General
Subran Premachandran, Senior Auditor

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE: Sandra Singh, Deputy City Manager

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Lesley Matthews, Deputy City Clerk
Julie Emmerson, Meeting Coordinator

ALSO PRESENT: Margaret Wittgens, General Manager, Arts, Culture and Community Services
Chloe Miller, Managing Director, Departmental Services and Partnership Agreements

WELCOME

The Chair acknowledged we are on the unceded homelands of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh People. 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.

1. Audit of Community Grants

The Auditor General, along with staff from the Auditor General's Office, provided a presentation.

The General Manager of Arts, Culture and Community Services provided comments.

The Auditor General and the General Manager of the Arts, Culture and Community Services responded to questions.

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During questions to staff, it was

*MOVED by Councillor Klassen
SECONDED by Councillor Zhou*

THAT under section 5.4(e) of the Procedure By-law, Council be permitted to ask a second round of questions.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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The Auditor General Committee recessed at 10:47 am and reconvened at 10:58 am.

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*MOVED by Councillor Kirby-Yung
SECONDED by Councillor Klassen*

THAT the Auditor General Committee endorse the ten recommendations in the Report dated April 30, 2026, entitled "Audit of Community Grants";

FURTHER THAT the Auditor General Committee recommend that Council endorse the ten recommendations in the Report dated April 30, 2026, entitled "Audit of Community Grants";

AND FURTHER THAT the Auditor General Committee request that Council direct staff to report back to Council by Spring 2027 on the implementation work of the recommendations with specific attention to changes and improvements to achieve demonstrable alignment to council priorities as a best practice ongoing and at the commencement of each term, adoption of mid-term reviews to report to Council on key outcomes and alignment with Council priorities, defining best practice metrics with regard to efficiency and costs of grant administration, potential to adopt strategies such as time bound streams and other practices that allow the grants program to effectively support ongoing and emerging needs in the City, and achieving greater transparency for the public and potential grantees through practices such as publishing evaluation assessment criteria for clear and improved transparency.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 11615)

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Councillor Zhou
SECONDED by Councillor Kirby-Yung

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Auditor General Committee adjourned at 11:04 am.

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