

City's Fraud and Waste Hotline Now Open to the Public

Ottawa, May 14, 2009 – Effective May 21, the City of Ottawa's Fraud and Waste Hotline will be available for use by the public. Council approved opening the Hotline to the public at its meeting of February 25, 2009.

The Hotline has been available to City staff for the past three years. A recent evaluation of the Hotline by the City's Auditor General, Alain Lalonde, found that it has been well received by the majority of City staff and should be extended to the public. The Auditor General's **Evaluation of the City's Fraud and Waste Hotline** is available at:

http://www.ottawa.ca/calendar/ottawa/citycouncil/occ/2009/02-25/ACS2009_OAG_BVG_2

The Hotline reflects Council's desire for additional openness and transparency at the City. Making the Hotline available to the public provides a modern tool for citizens to help Council ensure proper accountability.

The Fraud and Waste Hotline is an anonymous and confidential mechanism for reporting concerns of a significant nature to the Auditor General. Effective May 21, the Hotline can be accessed at **1-866-959-9309** or by following the link at

http://www.ottawa.ca/city_hall/mayor_council/auditor_general/fraudandwaste_en.html

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