

Auditor General Urges City to Strengthen its Management of Lansdowne Park

Ottawa, November 30, 2017 – Auditor General Ken Hughes has found a number of weaknesses in Ottawa’s oversight of the partnership agreement governing the management of the Lansdowne Partnership Plan that could put the City at risk.

For instance, the audit found that reserve trust accounts had not been set up to cover future expenses and repairs to the stadium and parking facilities. In addition, more than half of the financial, operational and technical reporting requirements that were examined have not been met, and most insurance certificates were not up to date.

“Without proper monitoring of all aspects of the Lansdowne partnership, the City may unknowingly be accepting risks,” concluded Mr. Hughes. “As a result, the City may incur costs it should not and may lose current and future revenues.”

The Lansdowne report was one of six audits and one review presented to the Audit Committee today as part of the Auditor General’s annual report.

Highlights of some of the other audits include:

Child Care Services – The number of children waiting for a fee subsidy is overstated, and the backlog of reviews may be costing the City nearly \$1.5 million in ineligible payments.

Remote Access to IT Services – Weaknesses and gaps were found which expose the City to a range of potentially significant risks to IT security, reliability and service delivery.

Road Services Branch – Using asphalt for summer pothole repairs that has not been tested and does not meet specifications and the possible theft of metal catch basins are costing the City money.

Overall, the Auditor General welcomes the City management acceptance of all of his recommendations. In his presentation to the Audit Committee, Mr. Hughes concluded that good management practices were found in a number of areas, but improvements are still needed in managing City resources.

The annual report can be found at ottawa.ca.

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