# Auditor General's Office 2012 Audit Work Plan

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 The Auditor General reviewed management's work plan of reviews for efficiencies and economies as provided in the 2012 budget process.

#### Rethink, Refocus, Rebalance

- The Auditor work plan is designed not to duplicate commitments and reviews made by management:
  - a review of City owned lands and facilities for possible disposal,
  - an examination of efficiencies with internal processes such as
    - disposal of surplus equipment
    - fleet services,
    - mail delivery and
    - garbage and recycling collection at City facilities, and
    - enhanced efforts to collect on failed tax sale properties.

- The Auditor General has taken the committee's priorities into account in developing the 2012 Audit Work Plan.
- Audit Committee feedback on potential audits and priorities was previously provided by the committee, and through meetings with individual committee members.
- The Auditor General has also taken issues identified through the audit process, and through ongoing monitoring of council meetings into account in developing the 2012 Audit Work Plan.

- Projects have been identified where audit or review procedures are expected to present the greatest organizational value for the time committed.
- The 2012 Audit Work Plan provides the Audit Committee with an overview of how resources allocated to the Auditor General's Office are intended to be used during 2012.

2012 AUDIT WORK PLAN		
Audit	Projects identified where audit or review procedures	Proposed
	are expected to present the greatest organizational value	Sequence of
	for the time committed	Audit Reports
Auditor General	Answers the question: Who audits the auditors?	MARCH 2012
Office Peer Review	A formal peer review conducted by independent audit	
<b>Audit Results</b>	professionals in accordance with generally accepted	
	Government Auditing Standards	
Water main	To identify opportunities in support of the	MARCH 2012
<b>Emergency Repairs</b>	achievement of value for money for water	
	distribution system repair and maintenance	
	operations	
	Evaluate oversight and management of emergency water	
	distribution system repair activities by city crews and	
	contractors	

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	for the time committed	
Impact of Changes	To identify opportunities in support of the	MAY 2012
To Road Design	achievement of value for money related to the	
(Asphalt Grindings and	impact(s) of significant changes to road design, and	
Road Cross-fall)	to ensure that asphalt assets are safeguarded	
	(properly accounted for)	
	• Evaluation of engineering, managerial and financial controls	
	over asphalt grindings assets	
	Review of the management of road and asphalt tendering	
	specifications (identifying highest and best uses of asphalt, recycling of the city's asphalt grindings)	
	<ul> <li>Evaluation of the impact of changes to road cross fall in the</li> </ul>	
	costs of repair road construction, remediation and	
	replacement	

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User Fees – Shift In Funding Sources	To improve communication and understanding of value for money achieved through user fees, identifying budget pressures as a result of shifts in the balance between user paid (rate) funding and general (tax) funding for various programs  User fees are generally increasing by 3 percent per year, while full program costs (direct operating, capital and overhead costs) may be increasing at a greater percent  Review of the full operating and capital cost and sustainability of selected programs.	JULY 2012

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Corporate Grants,	To improve communication and understanding of	SEPTEMBER
Donations and	value for money achieved through corporate grants,	2012
Contributions	donations and contributions, identifying budget	
	pressures due to financial and "in-kind" expenditures	
	in support of Council objectives	
	Determine the number of different points of access	
	organizations and individuals have to obtain CGS support	
	through grants, donations and other contributions	
	Determine the types (financial and in-kind) and the value of	
	support provided to organizations and individuals to assist	
	them in achieving stated goals and objectives	
	Evaluate expenditure and compliance controls as compared	
	to city policies, bylaws and resolutions	

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Falconbridge	To learn from a completed project and identify	NOVEMBER
Infrastructure Stimulus	opportunities in support of the achievement of value	2012
Roads Project, Value	for money for roads construction projects	
For Money and Control	<ul> <li>Evaluation of engineering, managerial and financial risks, opportunities and controls experienced in this project</li> <li>Evaluate opportunities for improvement in capital project inspection and management for future projects</li> <li>Evaluation of the final outcome (did we get what we paid for?)</li> </ul>	

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Environmental	A review of waste management contract(s) to	DECEMBER
Services Waste	identify opportunities in support of the achievement	2012
Management	of value for money in waste management operations	
	<ul> <li>Mid point evaluation of a ten(10) year waste collection</li> </ul>	
	contract awarded in January 2006	
	Evaluate opportunities for improvement in the handling of	
	citizen inquiries and concerns	