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### 2009 Audit Findings Report

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### Recommendation

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### BACKGROUND

For entities with public accountability, auditing standards now require auditors to communicate specific information to an Audit Committee. The City's auditors will be presenting their Audit Findings Report with respect to the 2009 year-end to the Audit Committee on June 24, 2010. Their presentation will cover the following issues:

- Audit Opinion
- Independence
- Audit Highlights and Findings
- Current Developments
- Performance Improvement Observations

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The purpose of their presentation will be to communicate to the Committee a summary of any significant findings and other matters which our auditors believe should be brought to your attention, thereby assisting this Committee with respect to their review and recommendation to Council for approval of the 2009 Financial Statements.

Staff are pleased to report that this year's audit report has been issued "without reservation". This means that, in the auditor's opinion, our financial statements present fairly, "in all material respects", our financial position and the results of our operations and changes in financial position for the year ended December 31, 2009.

In addition to reporting all financial transactions appropriately following Generally Accepted Accounting Principles, management also has a responsibility to apply their best judgement at the time in preparing accounting estimates and/or disclosures in the financial statements.

The concept of materiality is applied in determining whether or not the statements are considered to be a fair representation. Materiality includes both qualitative and quantitative factors which are assessed in the light of whether or not they may be likely to influence the decisions made by persons relying on the financial statements. The auditors will confirm that they have reviewed uncorrected financial statement misstatements. Management has reviewed the misstatements and determined that individually and in aggregate they are not material to the financial statements.

A further requirement of any audit is to obtain sufficient understanding of internal controls and to test those internal controls so that the auditor can place reliance on them as part of the audit. The Audit Findings Report will comment on any material weaknesses that have been identified as part of the audit.