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Item No. 3
Halifax Regional Council
April 30, 2019

TO: Mayor Savage and Members of Halifax Regional Council

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SUBMITTED BY: _____
Councillor Russell Walker, Chair, Audit & Finance Standing Committee

DATE: April 18, 2019

SUBJECT: 2018-19 Annual Report and 2019-20 Audit Priorities

INFORMATION REPORT

ORIGIN

April 17, 2019 meeting of Audit and Finance Standing Committee, Item No. 12.1.1.

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

Audit and Finance Standing Committee Terms of Reference Section 6 which states:
'Notwithstanding section 49 of the *HRM Charter* outlining the role, independence and reporting relationship of the Municipal Auditor General, the Audit and Finance Standing Committee shall act as a liaison and communication link between the Auditor General and the Council.'

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

The Auditor General presented their 2018-19 Annual Report and 2019-20 Audit Priorities to the Audit and Finance Standing Committee at its April 17, 2019 meeting. The Auditor General also provided and spoke to a peer review letter from the Deputy Auditor General of Nova Scotia pertaining to a post-release review of the Auditor General's performance audit report on Halifax Transit Bus Maintenance dated November 22, 2018. The Audit and Finance Standing Committee approved a motion to forward the report, letter and presentation to Halifax Regional Council as information.

For further information please refer to the attachments.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

N/A

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The Audit and Finance Standing Committee meetings are open to public attendance, a live webcast is provided of the meeting, and members of the public are invited to address the Committee for up to five minutes at the end of each meeting during the Public Participation portion of the meeting. The agenda, reports, minutes, and meeting video of the Audit and Finance Standing Committee are posted on Halifax.ca.

ATTACHMENTS

1. 2018-19 Annual Report and 2019-20 Audit Priorities
 2. Peer review letter from Deputy Auditor General, Office of the Auditor General of Nova Scotia
 3. Presentation re: Auditor General's 2018-19 and 2019-20 Audit Priorities
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