
REPORT TITLE: **Participation in the 2020 Audit and Accountability Fund Program**

FROM: Kathryn Lockyer, Interim Commissioner of Corporate Services

RECOMMENDATION

That the Region of Peel's participation in the Province of Ontario's Audit and Accountability Fund 2020 be endorsed.

REPORT HIGHLIGHTS

- The Province of Ontario, through the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, has opened a second intake of proposals for the Audit and Accountability Fund.
 - The Audit and Accountability Fund assists large municipalities with identifying opportunities to advance service delivery efficiencies.
 - To support the Region of Peel's participation in AAF in 2020, a Regional Council resolution is required as part of proposals due by December 18, 2020.
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DISCUSSION

1. Background

The Ontario government is committed to helping municipalities improve local service delivery and ensure taxpayers' dollars are being used efficiently. In 2019, the Province launched the Audit and Accountability Fund (AAF) which assists municipalities in finding service delivery efficiencies. Through Council endorsement (Resolution 2019-618), the Region was successful in participating in this provincial program in 2019.

Per the letter received by Regional Council from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, dated November 17, 2020 (see Appendix I), the Province has started a second intake of proposals for the AAF which are due to the Ministry by December 18, 2020.

2. Proposed Direction

At the November 26, 2020, Council referred this item of Correspondence to Finance and Corporate Services to review the AAF guidelines for 2020. As part of these guidelines, the Province has identified three priority areas that include:

- Digital modernization
- Service integration
- Streamlined development approvals

Staff are currently validating proposals for the AAF that correspond with digital modernization and streamlined development approvals.

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Upon receipt of Council endorsement to participate in the 2020 AAF program, staff will complete and submit the required proposals, including the formal Council Resolution, to the Province by the submission deadline.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Funding levels from the Province for the AAF have yet to be released.

APPENDICES

Appendix I – Letter from the Province of Ontario Announcing Audit and Accountability Fund Intake

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