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Council Modernizes Audit Practices While Maintaining Accountability

City Council has voted unanimously to align its internal audit structure with the majority of Ontario municipalities, resulting in the closure of the Office of the Auditor General effective December 31, 2025. This decision made during budget deliberations last month will save taxpayers nearly \$500,000 annually. These savings were reflected in the 2026 budget and supported a reduction in the tax levy.

The Auditor General's Office was created by Council in 2009. However, Greater Sudbury was an outlier in maintaining this office as it was one of only five municipalities in the entire province to fund such a role.

"Financial oversight and accountability remain fully in place and a priority for Council," said Mayor Paul Lefebvre. "The City will continue to be independently audited every year, as required by law, while saving taxpayers money by moving to an audit model used by most municipalities in Ontario."

The City's financial integrity remains protected by rigorous checks and balances, including an annual audit of its financial statements by an independent external auditor, as required by the Municipal Act.

"We extend our sincere thanks to Ron Foster for his ten years of service to the City and City Council as Auditor General" said Councillor and Audit Committee Chair Deb McIntosh, "The City has benefited from his advice, and the work of his office will provide a firm foundation for our municipality moving forward."

Council has directed the Chief Administrative Officer to report back in early 2026 with a plan recommending next steps, aligning with best practices of other big cities.

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