

Status Update on Audit Recommendations from Internal Audit Reports as of June 30, 2021

Item 2E

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Building Investment, Finance and Audit Committee

Report:	BIFAC:2021-73
То:	Building Investment, Finance and Audit Committee ("BIFAC")
From:	Manager, Internal Audit
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PURPOSE:

The purpose of this report is to provide the BIFAC with a status update on Internal Audit's follow-up on outstanding recommendations from public Internal Audit reports submitted to the BIFAC as of June 30, 2021.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the BIFAC receive this report for information.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION:

Background

The Internal Audit Department reports to the BIFAC on our follow-up of all public Internal Audit reports issued to ensure that management has taken appropriate action to implement recommendations included in those reports.

Reports Issued

This report presents a review of outstanding recommendations from the following public Internal Audit report:

Report Name	Covering Report Date	Date of BIFAC Meeting
Tenant Parking Charges Monitoring	April 3, 2018	April 12, 2018

Summary of Findings

The implementation status of the recommendations contained in the above report is summarized in the following table:

Report Name	Total No. of Recs	Implemented	In Progress	Not Started
Tenant Parking Charges Monitoring	6	0	2	4
Total	6	0	2	4

Attachment 1 to this report sets out the recommendations that are in progress.

Attachment 2 to this report sets out the recommendations that have not been started.

In Attachments 1 and 2, target dates have been highlighted in red fonts if they are not within three years from the date of the BIFAC meeting when the report was presented.

IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS:

Recommendations from Internal Audit reports are meant to improve internal controls and processes of TCHC. Such recommendations hold little value if they are not fully and properly implemented by management. By conducting follow-up procedures, we are able to measure management's implementation of previous Internal Audit recommendations.

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ATTACHMENTS:

- 1. Internal Audit Recommendations In Progress as on June 30, 2021.
- 2. Internal Audit Recommendations Not Started as on June 30, 2021.

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Attachment 1 Toronto Community Housing Corporation Internal Audit Department Internal Audit Recommendations – In Progress as at June 30, 2021

Report: Tenant Parking Charges Monitoring **Presented to BIFAC on:** April 12, 2018

Recommendation:	Status Update:	Target Date:	Staff:
1. (a) Management conduct an inventory count of parking spaces in the TCHC portfolio. The results of the inventory count should be reconciled to the parking spreadsheets.	Parallel to the Role out of HoMES Implementation phase 2, a consolidated inventory count of all TCHC Parking Spaces was completed. Discrepancies found during the inventory count have been manually reconciled by staff and uploaded to the HoMES system and the existing Inventory Spread sheets.	Q3-2021	William Anderson
	CSU to Partner with, Operations and The HoMES implementation team to ensure that an inventory count of parking assets is reconciled prior to the Phase two Implementation of HoMES in Q2 2021. Reconciled information to update in Yardi/Voyageur which will replace the Spread Sheets as the primary repository for Parking related data.	Revised from Q2-2021	



Recommendation:	Status Update:	Target Date:	Staff:
	As part of the transition of the Operations Division staff will be transferred to the Regional Offices on March 31, at which point vacancies in the parking team will be filled, and there will be capacity to address the recommendations. Delayed due to restructuring.	Revised from Q1-2020	
	Asset Management conducted an inventory count of all parking spaces by mid- December 2018. Asset Management is in the process of reconciling the results of the inventory count to the parking spreadsheets for the accuracy of data. Staffing turnover and shortages has resulted in a delay in completing this	Revised from Q3-2018	
1(b) Management take steps necessary to ensure the security and integrity of the data in the parking spreadsheets (e.g.	process of manually	Q4-2021	William Anderson



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access controls, version control, audit trails).	management database known as AIMS.		
	Controls have been built into HoMES that limit staff authority to change the description of parking space categories within the system.		
	Significant errors identified in former West region Contract Managed properties has slowed progress however we remain on track for completion in Q4 2021.		
	Integrity of data to be reconciled and cleansed prior to the transfer of data to HoMES.	Revised from Q2-2021	
	To commence on completion of parking inventory which is in progress. (Recommendation #1(a)).		
	As part of the transition of the Operations Division staff will be transferred to the Regional Offices on March	Revised from Q4-2020	
	31, at which point vacancies in the parking team will be filled, and there will be capacity to address the recommendations.	Revised from Q2-2018	



Recommendation:	Status Update:	Target Date:	Staff:
3. Management support the PEO enforcement process by (i) replacing the current barcode reader program/process with a simpler, more viable option and (ii) ensuring the PEOs	Work to replace the current Barcode Parking Permit with a more cost efficient Permit type is ongoing. Yardi / Voyageur is in process of developing a solution to simplify the ability of PEO's to access up to date Parking data.	Q4-2021	William Anderson
can access up-to-date parking data and information from the field.	Work to replace the current Barcode Parking Permit with a more cost efficient Permit type is ongoing. Yardi / Voyageur to be leveraged to simplify the ability of PEO's to access up to date Parking data.	Revised from Q2-2021 Revised from Q4-2020 Revised from Q1-2019	

Attachment 2 Toronto Community Housing Corporation Internal Audit Department Internal Audit Recommendations – Not Started as at June 30, 2021

Report: Tenant Parking Charges Monitoring **Presented to BIFAC on:** April 12, 2018

Recommendation:	Status Update:	Target Date:	Staff:
2. Management perform a periodic analysis of a sample of tenant parking data to billing information for both DM and CM buildings, as a detective control to ensure tenants are paying for parking.	Process to be built into a refresh of the Parking Program and Yardi/Voyageur will be leveraged to run standardized reports.	Q4-2021 Revised from Q2-2021 Revised from Q4-2020 Revised from Q2-2018	William Anderson
4. Management develop a risk-based method of parking enforcement assignments in order to make the best use of limited resources.	In 2021 The administration of The Parking Program has transitioned to the CSU. CSU to leverage parking data to inform effective enforcement strategies.	Q4-2021 Revised from Q2-2021 Revised from Q4-2020 Revised from Q3-2018	William Anderson
5. Management review the functionality of all processes and systems used to record	This will require investments in handheld and other	Q4-2021	William Anderson



Recommendation:	Status Update:	Target Date:	Staff:
parking permits and offence data and, where feasible (i) increase the automation of the data capture and (ii) identify fewer systems to replace the current legacy systems.	parking enforcement related technology.	Revised from Q2-2021 Revised from Q4-2020 Revised from Q1-2019	
6. Management determine the feasibility, including the cost/benefit, of increasing the use of a third-party service provider to administer all or part of the TCHC Parking Program, including enforcement.	Staff recommendation is to consider eliminating the reliance on 3rd party providers to manage this program. Consideration should be given examining the feasibility of bringing this work In-House in an effort to reduce Overhead and provide real time information that can be leveraged to inform effective enforcement strategies. Delayed due to restructuring and COVID-19	Q4-2021 Revised from Q2-2021 Revised from Q4-2020 Revised from Q1-2019	William Anderson