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The purpose of this memorandum is to inform Mayor and Council of improvements to the City's Annual Report and highlight the City's first set of climate-related financial disclosures.

The [Annual Report](#) summarizes and explains the prior year's financial results and contains the City's audited consolidated financial statements. Significant changes were made to the 2022 Annual Report to make it easier to understand, more visually appealing, and provide more context about the organization, its financial health, and economic climate. New content in the report includes: a Land Acknowledgement and statements about the City's commitment on reconciliation; an info-graphic on key demographic, economic and financial information; an overview of governance and the City's organizational structure; awards won during the year; common language descriptions of important accounting terms; better visuals for financial information; and explanations of debt, reserves and other key elements supporting financial sustainability.

To continue the City's leadership in addressing climate change and prepare for the anticipated accounting standard changes, the City adopted the Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures (TCFD) for its 2022 Annual Report. A previous memo sent May 24, 2023, explains more about TCFD and its benefits. A dedicated section for TCFD starting on page 96 of the Annual report explains the City's current governance, strategy, risk management practices and metrics & targets for climate change. Within the strategy section, important information regarding the cost of climate mitigation and climate adaptation is disclosed. The information in the disclosures serve as a starting point to understand capital investments required to meet the Council-approved GHG emission reduction targets by 2050 and the relationship between climate change and the cost to maintain public infrastructure in a state of good repair.

To date thousands of organizations worldwide in the private and public sector are at various stages of meeting TCFD's reporting requirements. Notably, the federal government of Canada has endorsed a phased approach to adopting TCFD. The cities of Calgary, Edmonton, Mississauga, Montreal, Toronto, and Vancouver are also at various stages of meeting the reporting requirements. I am pleased to add Ottawa to the list of Canadian municipalities that have adopted the TCFD.

Sincerely, Isabelle Jasmin | Deputy City Treasurer, Corporate Finance

cc Senior Leadership Team