



TO: Operations & Environment Committee
FROM: Jennifer Ringold, Deputy Superintendent
DATE: February 1, 2017
SUBJECT: Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board Safety Audit

BACKGROUND

Over the past five years the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB) has worked to improve workplace safety by implementing new tree pruning practices, purchased new equipment to reduce injuries, and mobilized a new waste collection system. There are opportunities to build on these successes, particularly in our policies and day-to-day practices. To help identify areas of focus, MPRB staff requested the City Audit Department conduct an audit of the MPRB's safety program.

The findings of the MPRB Worker Safety Audit were presented to the City Audit Committee on January 10 and will be presented to the MPRB's Operations and Environment Committee on February 1. The findings are helping shape the scope of work for a Safety & Health Management System (SHMS) consultant that the MPRB will hire through a request for proposal (RFP) process in 2017. Additionally, the report provides valuable baseline data for the future consultant's work with the MPRB.

The MPRB is very grateful to the City of Minneapolis for administering this safety audit for the Park Board, as it has produced valuable information that will help improve its safety program. The MPRB also appreciates the time staff took to respond to the audit team in 2016.

RECOMMENDATION

This item is for discussion purposes.

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