



**BUDGET COMMITTEE
(STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ON BUDGET)
SPECIAL MEETING
MINUTES
February 10, 2021**

PRESENT: Councillor Paul Russell, Chair
 Mayor Mike Savage
 Deputy Mayor Tim Outhit
 Councillors: Cathy Deagle Gammon
 David Hendsbee
 Becky Kent
 Trish Purdy
 Sam Austin
 Tony Mancini
 Waye Mason
 Lindell Smith
 Shawn Cleary
 Kathryn Morse
 Patty Cuttell
 Iona Stoddard
 Pam Lovelace
 Lisa Blackburn

STAFF: Jacques Dubé, Chief Administrative Officer
 Jane Fraser, Executive Director of Finance & Asset Management/Chief Financial Officer
 John Traves, Municipal Solicitor
 Jerry Blackwood, Executive Director of Corporate and Customer Services
 Iain MacLean, Municipal Clerk
 Simon Ross-Siegel, Legislative Assistant

The following does not represent a verbatim record of the proceedings of this meeting.

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The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. Budget Committee adjourned at 12:36 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES – January 20, 2021

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Lovelace

THAT the minutes of January 20, 2021 be approved as circulated.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

3. CALL FOR DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTERESTS – NONE

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Patrick Sullivan, President and CEO of the Halifax Chamber of Commerce, spoke before the Budget Committee and answered questions regarding strategies and approaches being taken by the chamber of commerce to respond to the pandemic and the effect on the local business community.

5. Fiscal Services

The following was before Budget Committee:

- A staff recommendation report dated January 15, 2021 with revisions dated February 8, 2021
- A staff presentation dated February 10, 2021 entitled “Fiscal Services”
- A staff memorandum dated February 10, 2021 entitled “Proposed Budget Adjustment List”

Jane Fraser, Executive Director of Finance & Asset Management/Chief Financial Officer, and Bruce Fisher, Manager of Financial Policy & Planning provided an overview of the proposed 2021/22 Fiscal Services Budget and Business Plan and gave a presentation and answered questions.

MOVED by Councillor Lovelace, seconded by Councillor Blackburn

THAT the Budget Committee direct the Chief Administrative Officer to incorporate the Fiscal Services proposed 2021/22 Budget and Business Plan, as set out and discussed in the January 15, 2021 staff report and supporting presentation by staff, into the Draft 2021/22 Operating Budget.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

6. Finance, Asset Management and ICT

The following was before Budget Committee:

- A staff recommendation report dated January 4, 2021
- A staff presentation dated February 10, 2021 entitled “Finance, Asset Management and ICT”

Jane Fraser provided an overview of the proposed 2021/22 Finance, Asset Management and ICT Budget and Business Plan and gave a presentation and answered questions.

MOVED by Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor Austin

THAT the Budget Committee direct the Chief Administrative Officer to incorporate the Finance, Asset Management and ICT proposed 2021/22 Budget and Business Plan, as set out and discussed in the January 4, 2021 staff report and supporting presentation by staff, into the Draft 2021/22 Operating Budget.

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Outhit, seconded by Councillor Mancini

THAT the Budget Committee include \$ 446,000 in additional funding for costs associated with the Increase non-profit tax rebate for affordable housing from 25% to 50% starting in fiscal 21/22 within the proposed 2021/22 budget for the Finance, Asset Management and ICT to the parking lot as an operating over budget option for consideration.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOVED by Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor Austin

THAT the Budget Committee direct the Chief Administrative Officer to incorporate the Finance, Asset Management and ICT proposed 2021/22 Budget and Business Plan, as set out and discussed in the January 4, 2021 staff report and supporting presentation by staff, into the Draft 2021/22 Operating Budget.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

7. Corporate and Customer Services

The following was before Budget Committee:

- A staff recommendation report dated February 3, 2021
- A staff presentation dated February 10, 2021 entitled "Corporate and Customer Services"

Jerry Blackwood, Executive Director of Corporate and Customer Services, provided an overview of the proposed 2021/22 Corporate and Customer Services Budget and Business Plan and gave a presentation and answered questions.

MOVED by Councillor Lovelace, seconded by Councillor Stoddard

THAT the Budget Committee direct the Chief Administrative Officer to incorporate the Corporate and Customer Services proposed 2021/22 Budget and Business Plan, as set out and discussed in the February 3, 2021 staff report and supporting presentation by staff, into the Draft 2021/22 Operating Budget.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Mayor Savage

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:36 p.m.

Iain MacLean
Municipal Clerk