



**BUDGET COMMITTEE  
(STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ON BUDGET)  
MINUTES  
December 13, 2022**

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

REGRETS:                Councillor:     Patty Cuttell

STAFF:                    Caroline Blair-Smith, Acting Chief Administrative Officer  
                              Jerry Blackwood, Executive Director of Finance & Asset Management/Chief  
                              Financial Officer  
                              John Traves, Municipal Solicitor  
                              Iain MacLean, Municipal Clerk  
                              Annie Sherry, Legislative Assistant

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*The meeting was called to order at 9:34 a.m. and adjourned at 10:14 a.m.*

## **1. CALL TO ORDER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:34 a.m. and acknowledged that the meeting took place in the traditional and ancestral territory of the Mi'kmaq people, and that we are all treaty people.

## **2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES – November 22 and 25, 2022**

MOVED by Councillor Stoddard, seconded by Councillor Blackburn

**THAT the minutes of November 22 and 25, 2022 be approved as circulated.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

## **3. APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS AND APPROVAL OF ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS**

Additions: None

Deletions: None

MOVED by Councillor Deagle Gammon, seconded by Councillor Lovelace

**THAT the agenda be approved as presented.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

Not present: Councillors Hendsbee, Kent, Smith, Cleary, Cuttell, Outhit

## **4. CALL FOR DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTERESTS – NONE**

## **5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

**Martyn Williams, Clayton Park** spoke to a desire to see development of improved policies and processes ensuring road resurfacing on main collector and arterial routes to increase safety and contribute to the Road Safety Framework, and further suggested that these policies and processes be considered by the Transportation Standing Committee.

## **6. CAPITAL UPDATE AND ADVANCED TENDERS**

The following was before Budget Committee:

- Staff report dated December 6, 2022
- Correspondence from Martyn Williams, and Duncan Robertson including a response from staff.
- Staff presentation dated December 13, 2022

Jerry Blackwood, Executive Director of Finance & Asset Management/Chief Financial Officer, and Crystal Nowlan, Director of Asset Management gave a presentation and responded to questions of clarification from Budget Committee.

MOVED by Mayor Savage, seconded by Councillor Lovelace

**THAT the Budget Committee recommend that Halifax Regional Council approve the schedule of 2023/24 advanced tender requests as per Attachment 1 of the staff report dated December 6, 2022.**

Crystal Nowlan, Director of Asset Management, responded to questions of clarification from Budget Committee and noted that the Capital Budget would return to the Committee for debate on January 18, 2023.

Jerry Blackwood, Executive Director of Finance & Asset Management/Chief Financial Officer, and Dave Reage, Executive Director, Halifax Transit responded to questions of clarification from Budget Committee.

Kelly Denty, Executive Director, Planning & Development responded to questions of clarification from Budget Committee. Denty noted that they would work with staff to provide Budget Committee with additional information on the status of land acquisition for the Dutch Village Road Multi-Modal Corridor Project.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Not present: Councillor Cuttell

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:14 a.m.

Iain MacLean  
Municipal Clerk