



**HALIFAX REGIONAL COUNCIL
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
MINUTES
November 28, 2023**

PRESENT: 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
Patty Cuttell
Pam Lovelace
Lisa Blackburn
Paul Russell
Tim Outhit

REGRETS: Councillors: Iona Stoddard

STAFF: Cathie O'Toole, Chief Administrative Officer
John Traves, K.C., CD, Executive Director of Legal & Legislative
Services/Municipal Solicitor/Chief Governance Officer
Iain MacLean, Municipal Clerk
Dorothy Maponga, 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 2:01 p.m., and. Committee of the Whole adjourned at 3:26 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Savage called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.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 – NONE

3. CALL FOR DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST – NONE

4. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – October 17, 2023

4.1 Upper Tantallon Wildfire – Lessons Learned

The following was before Committee of the Whole:

- Staff report dated July 10, 2023
- Extract from the October 17, 2023 Regional Council minutes
- Staff presentation dated November 28, 2023

Bill Moore, Executive Director, Community Safety gave a presentation and responded to questions of clarification from Committee of the Whole.

Chief Ken Stuebing, Halifax Regional Fire and Emergency, Cathie O'Toole, Chief Administrative Officer and Erica Fleck, Director, Emergency Management responded to questions of clarification from Committee of the Whole.

MOVED by Councillor Lovelace, seconded by Councillor Blackburn

THAT Committee of the Whole recommend that Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) to provide a staff report and recommendations for a Municipal Disaster Readiness Evacuation Program to identify gaps in process and knowledge, use of communications tools such as Evacuation Route signage, 10-minute evacuation practice plans, and any other resource needed to expediate safe evacuation in high-risk communities.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Mason, Stoddard, Russell

6. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:26 p.m.

Iain MacLean
Municipal Clerk