



**BUDGET COMMITTEE
(STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ON BUDGET)
MINUTES
April 23, 2024**

PRESENT: Councillor Paul Russell, Chair
 Mayor Mike Savage
 Deputy Mayor Cathy Deagle Gammon
 Councillors: 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
 Tim Outhit

STAFF: Jerry Blackwood, Executive Director of Finance & Asset Management/Chief
 Financial Officer
 John Traves, K.C., CD, Executive Director of Legal & Legislative
 Services/Municipal Solicitor/Chief Governance Officer
 Iain MacLean, Municipal Clerk
 Simon Ross-Siegel, Legislative Assistant

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

The agenda, reports, supporting documents, information items circulated, and video (if available) are online at halifax.ca.

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m., and Budget Committee adjourned at 10:47 a.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:00 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 – April 2, 2024

MOVED by Councillor Kent, seconded by Councillor Cleary

THAT the minutes of April 2, 2024 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 Deputy Mayor Deagle Gammon, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee

THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Not present: Councillors Austin, Outhit

4. CALL FOR DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTERESTS – NONE

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Marlene LeBlanc spoke to Budget Committee regarding their management of Ladies' Hockey at the RBC Arena in Dartmouth. LeBlanc expressed concerns regarding high insurance costs for non-league hockey recreation and requested Budget Committee consider implementing recreation programming changes to address these issues. LeBlanc responded to questions from Budget Committee.

6. Proposed 2024/25 Budget

The following was before Budget Committee:

- Staff report dated April 19, 2024
- Extract from the April 9, 2024 Regional Council draft minutes
- 2024/25 Draft Proposed Budget and Business Plan
- 2024/25 Draft Proposed Capital Plan

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Deagle Gammon, seconded by Councillor Lovelace

THAT the Budget Committee direct the Chief Administrative Officer to:

- 1. Adopt the Resolution for Approval of Operating Budgets, Capital Plan and Tax Rates for Fiscal 2024/25 as set out in Schedule 1 of the staff report dated April 19, 2024.**

- 2. Approve the Resolution to approve Area Rates and Uniform Charges for fiscal year 2024/25, as well as the Schedules of Area Tax Rates and Budgeted Revenues as set out in Schedule 2 of staff report dated April 19, 2024.**
- 3. Adopt the amendments to Administrative Order 2018-003-ADM, Respecting Private Road Maintenance, as set out in Attachment F to staff report dated April 19, 2024.**
- 4. Adopt the amendments to Administrative Order 2019-005-ADM, Respecting the Establishment and Use of Community Area Rates in the Halifax Regional Municipality, as set out in Attachment H to staff report dated April 19, 2024.**

Cathie O’Toole, Chief Administrative Officer spoke to the Proposed 2024/25 Budget. O’Toole and Jerry Blackwood, Executive Director of Finance & Asset Management/Chief Financial Officer responded to questions of clarification from Budget Committee.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

7. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE)

7.1 In Camera (In Private) Minutes – April 2, 2024 Budget Committee

This matter was dealt with in public.

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Cuttell

That the In Camera (In Private) Budget Committee minutes of April 2, 2024 be approved as circulated.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:47 a.m.

Iain MacLean
Municipal Clerk