



**BUDGET COMMITTEE  
(STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ON BUDGET)  
MINUTES  
November 22, 2022**

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

REGRETS:                Councillors:   Becky Kent  
  Patty Cuttell

STAFF:                    Jerry Blackwood, Executive Director of Finance & Asset Management/Chief  
  Financial Officer  
  Karen Brown, Acting Municipal Solicitor  
  Iain MacLean, Municipal Clerk  
  Annie Sherry, Legislative Assistant

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*The meeting was called to order at 9:42 a.m., and adjourned at 10:40 a.m.*

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

The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:42 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 – NONE**

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

Additions: None

Deletions: None

MOVED by Councillor Stoddard, seconded by Councillor Blackburn

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

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Not present: Councillors Kent, Purdy, Cuttell

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

**5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - NONE**

**6. 2021-2025 STRATEGIC PRIORITIES PLAN: COUNCIL PRIORITIES UPDATE**

The following was before Budget Committee:

- Staff recommendation report dated November 16, 2022, with revised Attachment 2
- Staff presentation dated November 16, 2022

Jacques Dubé, Chief Administrative Officer gave a presentation on updates to the 2021-2025 Strategic Priorities Plan.

MOVED by Councillor Outhit, seconded by Councillor Blackburn

**THAT the Budget Committee approve amendments to the 2021-2025 Council Priorities Plan as outlined in Attachment 2 of the staff report dated November 16, 2022 and direct the Chief Administrative Officer to develop 2023-2024 business plans and budgets consistent with this Plan.**

Jacques Dubé, Chief Administrative Officer responded to questions of clarification from Budget Committee regarding budgetary pressures for multi-year projects, and the impacts of COVID-19, interest rates, and inflation rates on municipal services and operations.

Kelly Denty, Executive Director, Planning & Development, and Britt Wilson, Acting Executive Director, Human Resources & Corporate Communications responded to questions of clarification from Budget Committee.

Jerry Blackwood, Executive Director of Finance & Asset Management/Chief Financial Officer responded to questions of clarification from Budget Committee regarding long-term approaches to planning for municipal tax adjustments, multi-year budgeting processes for operational costs, and current processes for providing Regional Council with information on the impact of individual projects on the annual budget.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Not present: Councillors Kent, Cuttell

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Iain MacLean  
Municipal Clerk