



**AUDIT AND FINANCE STANDING COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
January 19, 2023**

PRESENT: Councillor Paul Russell, Chair  
Councillor Cathy Deagle Gammon, Vice Chair  
Councillor David Hendsbee  
Councillor Shawn Cleary  
Councillor Iona Stoddard  
Councillor Pam Lovelace

REGRETS: Mayor Savage

STAFF: Jerry Blackwood, Executive Director of Finance and Asset Management/  
Chief Financial Officer  
John Traves, Municipal Solicitor  
Annie Sherry, 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 1:31 p.m. and adjourned at 1:54 p.m.*

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

The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:31 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 MINUTES – December 14, 2022**

MOVED by Councillor Deagle Gammon, seconded by Councillor Stoddard

**THAT the minutes of December 14, 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 Cleary, seconded Councillor Lovelace

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

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES – NONE**

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

**6. MOTIONS OF RECONSIDERATION – NONE**

**7. MOTIONS OF RESCISSION – NONE**

**8. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS – NONE**

**9. NOTICES OF TABLED MATTERS – NONE**

**10. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS**

**10.1 Correspondence – None**

**10.2 Petitions – None**

**10.3 Presentation – None**

**11. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE**

**12. REPORTS**

**12.1 AUDITOR GENERAL**

**12.1.1 Follow-up Review of Outstanding Recommendations – 2017-2019 Audits**

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Report dated January 11, 2023
- Presentation dated January 19, 2023

Evangeline Colman-Sadd, Auditor General gave a presentation and responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee regarding the scope of the audits.

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Deagle Gammon

**THAT the Audit and Finance Standing Committee forward the Follow-up Review of Outstanding Recommendations – 2017-2019 Audits Report dated January 11, 2023 to Regional Council for information.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**12.2 STAFF**

**12.2.1 Investment Activities Quarter Ending September 30, 2022**

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Staff report dated January 6, 2023

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Deagle Gammon

**THAT the Audit and Finance Standing Committee forward the Investment Activities Quarter Ending September 30, 2022 to Halifax Regional Council as an information item.**

Vicki Robertson, Deputy Treasurer, Renée Towns, Director of Revenue & Treasurer, and Jerry Blackwood, Executive Director of Finance and Asset Management/ Chief Financial Officer responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**12.3 GRANTS COMMITTEE – NONE**

**12.4 MEMBERS OF STANDING COMMITTEE – NONE**

**13. MOTIONS – NONE**

**14. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE)**

**14.1 In Camera (In Private) Minutes – December 14, 2022**

The following was dealt with in public as follows:

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Lovelace

**THAT the In Camera (In Private) minutes of December 14, 2022 be approved as circulated.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**15. ADDED ITEMS – NONE**

**16. NOTICES OF MOTION – NONE**

**17. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

The Chair noted there were no registered speakers and called three times for any speakers present; there were none.

**18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – To be determined**

**19. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 1:54 p.m.

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Annie Sherry  
Legislative Assistant