



**AUDIT AND FINANCE STANDING COMMITTEE
MINUTES
March 20, 2024
REVISED**

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

REGRETS: Councillor Iona Stoddard

OTHERS PRESENT: Councillor Trish Purdy

STAFF: Jerry Blackwood, Executive Director of Finance and Asset
Management/Chief Financial Officer
John Traves, K.C., CD, Executive Director of Legal & Legislative Services
/Municipal Solicitor/Chief Governance Officer
Dorothy Maponga, Legislative Assistant
Olawumi Odeyinka-Apantaku, Legislative Assistant

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The meeting was called to order at 10:43 a.m. The Standing Committee moved into an In Camera (In Private) session at 11:15 a.m. and reconvened at 11:20 a.m. The Standing Committee adjourned at 11:23 a.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:43 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 MINUTES – February 21, 2024

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Deputy Mayor Deagle Gammon

THAT the minutes of February 21, 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 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. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The Chair noted there were no registered speakers and called three times for any other members of the public wishing to speak; there were none.

12. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE

13. REPORTS

13.1 AUDITOR GENERAL

13.1.1 Follow-up Review – 2022 Audit: Management of Respectful Workplaces and Management of Hiring Practices Audit

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Staff report dated March 20, 2024
- Staff presentation dated March 20, 2024

Andrew Atherton, Auditor General gave a presentation and responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Deagle Gammon, seconded by Councillor Lovelace

THAT the Audit and Finance Standing Committee request the Chief Administrative Officer develop an action plan to address the recommendations from the Management of Hiring Practices Audit and report back to the Audit and Finance Standing Committee in six months.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Cathie O'Toole, Chief Administrative Officer responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Deagle Gammon, seconded by Councillor Cleary

THAT Audit and Finance Standing Committee convene to In Camera (In Private) to discuss Item 13.1.1.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

13.2 STAFF

13.2.1 Council Chamber Hybrid Meeting Technology Funding Request

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Staff report dated March 20, 2024
- Staff recommendation dated March 7, 2024

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Deputy Mayor Deagle Gammon

THAT the Audit and Finance Standing Committee recommend that Halifax Regional Council approve the transfer of \$155,000 from capital project CI00021 - Public WiFi to capital project CI240006 - Council Chamber Technology Refresh.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

13.3 GRANTS COMMITTEE – NONE

13.4. MEMEBERS OF STANDING COMMITTEE – NONE

14. MOTIONS - NONE

15. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE)

15.1 In Camera (In Private) Minutes – February 21, 2024

This matter was dealt with in public.

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Deputy Mayor Deagle Gammon

THAT the In Camera (In Private) minutes of February 21, 2024 be approved as circulated.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

16. ADDED ITEMS – NONE

17. NOTICES OF MOTION – NONE

18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – April 17, 2024

19. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:23 a.m.

Olawumi Odeyinka-Apantaku
Legislative Assistant