



**AUDIT AND FINANCE STANDING COMMITTEE  
SPECIAL MEETING  
MINUTES  
December 5, 2017**

**PRESENT:** Councillor Bill Karsten, Chair  
Councillor Lorelei Nicoll, Vice Chair  
Councillor Stephen D. Adams  
Councillor Matt Whitman  
Councillor Steve Craig

**REGRETS:** Councillor Russell Walker

**STAFF:** John Traves, Municipal Solicitor  
Jerry Blackwood, Acting CFO/Director of Finance and Asset Management  
Sheilagh Edmonds, Legislative Assistant

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*The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. and adjourned at 9:07 a.m.*

## **1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

## **2. APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS**

MOVED by Councillor Whitman, seconded by Councillor Nicoll

**THAT the order of business be accepted as presented.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

## **3. CALL FOR DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTERESTS - NONE**

## **4. REPORTS**

### **4.1 Winter 2017/18 Winter Funding for Snow Removal Program for Seniors**

The following was before the Audit and Finance Standing Committee:

- A staff recommendation report dated November 22, 2017

MOVED by Councillor Nicoll, seconded by Councillor Whitman

**THAT the Audit and Finance Standing Committee recommend Regional Council approve an increase to the Snow Removal Program for Seniors and Persons with Disabilities (the "Program") in an amount up to \$200,000, for a total 2017/18 operating budget of up to \$600,000, with funding to be found through operating efficiencies within Transportation and Public Works, or if operating efficiencies cannot be achieved, through the Risk Reserves: General Contingency Reserve, Q421, as per the Financial Implications section of the November 22, 2017 staff report.**

Bruce Zvaniga, Director, Transportation and Public Works responded to questions.

In response to a question with regard to calling a special meeting to consider this matter, Bruce indicated that there was urgency to the issue because the program is fully subscribed now, and that there are residents currently on a waiting list.

In response to a further question, Bruce advised that there was time for residents to be placed on the waiting list and that instructions on how to do this were on the department's website.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED**

## **5. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 9:07 a.m.

Sheilagh Edmonds  
Legislative Assistant