



**AUDIT COMMITTEE
SPECIAL MEETING
MINUTES
MARCH 25, 2021**

PRESENT: Councillor Russell, Chair
Councillor Deagle Gammon, Vice-Chair
Councillor Hendsbee
Councillor Purdy
Councillor Cleary
Councillor Morse
Councillor Kent
Councillor Smith
Mayor Mike Savage
Claude Carter
Caroline Duchesne

REGRETS:

STAFF: John Traves, Municipal Solicitor
Jane Fraser, Chief Financial Officer
Jacques Dubé, Chief Administrative Officer
David Harley, Manager, Accounting and Financial Reporting
Carey Blair, Lead Audit Engagement Partner, KPMG
Simon Ross-Siegel, Legislative Assistant
Annie Sherry, Legislative Assistant

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The meeting was called to order at 10:02 a.m. The meeting adjourned at 10:49 a.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:02 a.m.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – August 19, 2020

MOVED by Councillor Deagle Gammon, seconded by Councillor Purdy

THAT the minutes of August 19, 2020 be approved as circulated.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee

THAT the agenda be approved as circulated.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

4. CALL FOR DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTERESTS – NONE

5. AUDIT OF THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF HRM, 2021

The following was before the Committee:

- A staff presentation dated March 3, 2021
- A presentation titled "Halifax Regional Municipality – Audit Planning Report for the year ended March 31, 2021" dated March 11, 2021

Carey Blair, Lead Audit Engagement Partner, KPMG, provided a presentation on the audit findings report and responded to questions from the Audit Committee.

MOVED by Councillor Deagle Gammon, seconded by Councillor Cleary

THAT the Audit Committee approve the Audit Plan, as set out in the March 3, 2021 Report and Recommendation to the Audit Committee, for the 2020/21 year end audit of HRM's consolidated financial statements, General Rate Surplus statements, and Miscellaneous Trust Funds statements as prepared by the Municipal Auditor (KPMG).

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

6. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE) – NONE

7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – TBD

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:49 a.m.

Simon Ross-Siegel
Legislative Assistant