



**AUDIT AND FINANCE STANDING COMMITTEE
MINUTES
JULY 21, 2021**

PRESENT: Councillor Russell, Chair
Councillor Deagle Gammon, Vice Chair
Councillor Hendsbee
Councillor Purdy
Councillor Cleary
Councillor Morse

REGRETS: Mayor Savage

STAFF: Jacques Dubé, Chief Administrative Officer
John Traves, Municipal Solicitor
Jerry Blackwood, Chief Financial Officer
Annie Sherry, Legislative Assistant
Simon Ross-Siegel, Legislative Assistant

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The meeting was called to order at 12:10 p.m. and adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 12:10 p.m.

MOVED by Councillor Purdy, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee

THAT the Audit and Finance Standing Committee extend the meeting past 12:00 p.m.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – June 16, 2021

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Cleary

THAT the minutes of June 16, 2021 be approved as circulated.

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

Additions: None

Deletions: None

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Cleary

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

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 - NONE

12.2 STAFF

12.2.1 Investment Activities – Quarter ending March 31, 2021

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Staff information report dated June 7, 2021

MOVED by Councillor Deagle Gammon, seconded by Councillor Cleary

That the Audit and Finance Standing Committee forward this report to Halifax Regional Council as an information item.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

12.2.2 Dartmouth Common Splash Pad Budget Increase & Tender Award

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Staff recommendation report dated June 15, 2021

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Morse

That the Audit and Finance Standing Committee recommend that Regional Council:

- 1. Approve an unbudgeted withdrawal in the amount of \$200,000 (net HST included), from the Capital Fund Reserve, Q526;**
- 2. Increase 2021/22 Capital Project Number CP210008 – Splash Pads, by \$200,000 (net HST included);**
- 3. Increase 2021/22 Capital Project Number CP210008 – Splash Pads by \$110,000 (net HST Included), with no change to the net budget; funding from the Dorothy and Dan Gibson Foundation (c/o Friends of Dartmouth Splash Pad & Park); and,**
- 4. Award Request for Proposal No. 21-099, Design-Build Dartmouth Common Splash Pad to the highest scoring proponent, Lindsay Construction, at a cost of \$815,436 (net HST included) with funding from Project Account No. CP210008 – Splash Pads, CCV02405,CCV02505 - District 5 Discretionary Funds, and CCV02406/CCV02506 – District 6 Discretionary Funds, as outlined in the Financial Implications section of this report.**

Jerry Blackwood, Chief Financial Officer, and Denise Schofield, Executive Director, Parks and Recreation, responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

12.2.3 Funding Options for Merchant Validation Program

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Staff recommendation report dated July 15, 2021

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee

THAT the Audit and Finance Standing Committee recommend that Halifax Regional Council approve an increase to the Merchant Validation Program for a period of 3 months for a total 2021/22 operating budget of up to \$200,000, as detailed in the Financial Implications section of this report

Victoria Horne, Director of Parking Services, responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

12.2.4 Budget Changes – Road Safety Improvement – Traffic Calming Program

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Staff recommendation report dated July 15, 2021

MOVED by Councillor Purdy, seconded by Councillor Deagle Gammon

That the Audit and Finance Standing Committee recommend that Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Approve a budget transfer of \$215,000 from capital account CT180003 – Traffic Signal Re-lamping to capital account CT190006 – Road Safety Improvement; and**
- 2. Approve a budget transfer of \$385,000 from capital account CR200005 – Road Ops & Construction – State of Good Repair to capital account CT190006 – Road Safety Improvement.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

12.3 GRANTS COMMITTEE – NONE

12.4 COMMITTEE MEMBERS - NONE

13. MOTIONS – NONE

14. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE) – NONE

15. ADDED ITEMS - NONE

16. NOTICES OF MOTION - NONE

17. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - NONE

18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – August 18, 2021

19. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Annie Sherry
Legislative Assistant