



**HALIFAX REGIONAL COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
January 7, 2020**

PRESENT: Deputy Mayor Lisa Blackburn
Councillors: David Hendsbee
Bill Karsten
Lorelei Nicoll
Sam Austin
Tony Mancini
Waye Mason
Lindell Smith
Shawn Cleary
Russell Walker
Stephen Adams
Matt Whitman
Paul Russell

REGRETS: Mayor Mike Savage
Councillors: Steve Streach
Richard Zurawski
Tim Outhit

STAFF: Jacques Dubé, Chief Administrative Officer
John Traves, Municipal Solicitor
Liam MacSween, Acting Deputy Clerk
Krista Vining, Legislative Assistant

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The meeting was called to order at 2:19 p.m., and adjourned at 2:23 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Deputy Mayor called the meeting to order at 2:19 p.m.

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

MOVED by Councillor Whitman, seconded by Councillor Walker

THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

3. REPORTS

3.1 BUDGET COMMITTEE – January 7, 2020

3.1.1 Ratification – 2020/21 Fiscal Framework and Fiscal Services

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Whitman

THAT Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to develop the 2020/21 Budget according to Council's approved priorities, and preliminary fiscal direction, including setting the property tax bill for residential homes and commercial properties at a 1.5% increase; and,**
- 2. Approve the preliminary Fiscal Services budget and business plan as attached to the staff report dated December 3, 2019.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Mayor Savage, Councillors Streach, Zurawski and Outhit

4. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:23 p.m.

Kevin Arjoon
Municipal Clerk