



**SPECIAL BUDGET COMMITTEE  
(STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ON BUDGET)  
MINUTES  
March 11, 2022**

PRESENT:           Councillor     Paul Russell, Chair  
                      Mayor           Mike Savage  
                      Deputy Mayor Pam Lovelace  
                      Councillors:  Cathy Deagle Gammon  
  David Hendsbee  
  Becky Kent  
  Trish Purdy  
  Sam Austin  
  Tony Mancini  
  Waye Mason  
  Lindell Smith  
  Shawn Cleary  
  Kathryn Morse  
  Patty Cuttell  
  Iona Stoddard  
  Lisa Blackburn  
  Tim Outhit

STAFF:             Jerry Blackwood, Executive Director of Finance & Asset Management/Chief  
                          Financial Officer  
                          John Traves, Municipal Solicitor  
                          Iain MacLean, Municipal Clerk  
                          Andrea Lovasi-Wood, Legislative Assistant

*The following does not represent a verbatim record of the proceedings of this meeting.*

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online at [halifax.ca](http://halifax.ca).*

*The meeting was called to order at 1:07 a.m. and Budget Committee adjourned at 3:50 p.m.*

**1. CALL TO ORDER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:07 p.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 THE MINUTES – NONE**

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

Additions: None

Deletions: None

MOVED by Councillor Stoddard, seconded by Councillor Kent

**THAT the agenda be approved as presented.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**4. CALL FOR DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTERESTS – NONE**

**5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – NONE**

**6. Halifax Regional Police and Royal Canadian Mounted Police – Deferred from February 25, 2022**

The following was before Budget Committee:

- Staff recommendation report dated February 16, 2022
- Correspondence from Victoria Levack
- Handout dated February 23, 2022
- Staff presentation dated February 25, 2022
- Staff presentation dated March 11, 2022

Motion on the floor:

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Mancini

**THAT the Budget Committee direct the Chief Administrative Officer to prepare the Halifax Regional Police 2022/23 Budget and Business Plan, as approved by the Board of Police Commissioners (BoPC) on January 31, 2022.**

Chief Kinsella, Halifax Regional Police, and Craig Horton, Financial Coordinator, Halifax Regional Police gave a presentation on the revised list of service enhancements approved by the Board of Police Commissioners on March 9, 2022 and the revised summary of expenditures and revenue for the proposed Halifax Regional Police 2022/23 operating budget.

Acting Chief Superintendent Darren Campbell, Halifax District Royal Canadian Mounted Police responded to questions of clarification from Budget Committee.

MOVED by Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor Kent

**THAT the motion be amended as follows:**

1. **Include a new section 1 after “THAT” which reads as follows:**

**The Budget Committee recommend that Halifax Regional Council approve the increase in Halifax Regional Police Full Time Equivalent (FTE) positions set out in revised Options over Budget - Financial Summary in slide 7 of the March 11, 2022 Halifax Regional Police presentation to Budget Committee attached together with the necessary adjustments to the 2022/23 Budget and Business Plan resulting from this increase in FTEs; and**

2. **Make the remaining original motion section 2 of the amended motion and add “and amended on March 9, 2022 subject to Regional Council’s approval of any increase in FTEs.” after January 31, 2022.**

Chief Kinsella, Halifax Regional Police, Deputy Chief Don Maclean, Operations, Halifax Regional Police, Deputy Chief Reid McCoombs, Operational Support, Halifax Regional Police, and Craig Horton, Financial Coordinator, Halifax Regional Police responded to questions of clarification from Budget Committee.

Jacques Dubé, Chief Administrative Officer responded to questions of clarification from Budget Committee regarding sending the service enhancement list back to the Board of Police Commissioners.

John Traves, Municipal Solicitor responded to questions of clarification from Budget Committee regarding the discretion of Regional Council to determine the compliment of officers that will make up of the FTE budget amount approved by the Board of Police Commissioners and advised Budget Committee that in order to make any further adjustments to the list of service enhancements beyond the \$1.39 million cap set by Budget Committee at their February 23 and 25, 2022 meeting two-thirds approval of Budget Committee will be required.

**MOTION TO AMEND PUT AND PASSED.** (9 in favour, 8 against)

In favour: Mayor Savage, Councillors Hendsbee, Kent, Purdy, Mancini, Cleary, Blackburn, Russell, Outhit

Against: Deputy Mayor Lovelace, Councillors Deagle Gammon, Austin, Mason, Smith, Morse, Cuttell, Stoddard

The motion as amended now read:

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Mancini

**THAT:**

1. **The Budget Committee recommend that Halifax Regional Council approve the increase in Halifax Regional Police Full Time Equivalent positions set out in revised Options over Budget - Financial Summary in slide 7 of the March 11, 2022 Halifax Regional Police presentation to Budget Committee attached together with the necessary adjustments to the 2022/23 Budget and Business Plan resulting from this increase in FTEs; and**
2. **The Budget Committee direct the Chief Administrative Officer to prepare the Halifax Regional Police 2022/23 Budget and Business Plan, as approved by the Board of Police Commissioners on January 31, 2022 and amended on March 9, 2022 subject to Regional Council’s approval of any increase in FTEs.**

**MOTION AS AMENDED PUT AND PASSED.** (9 in favour, 8 against)

In favour: Mayor Savage, Councillors Hendsbee, Kent, Purdy, Mancini, Cleary, Blackburn, Russell, Outhit

Against: Deputy Mayor Lovelace, Councillors Deagle Gammon, Austin, Mason, Smith, Morse, Cuttell, Stoddard

MOVED by Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor Kent

**THAT the Budget Committee include \$100,000 in additional funding costs associated with providing staffing for the Board of Police Commissioners within the proposed 2022/23 Halifax Regional Police proposed budget to the Budget Adjustment List as an operating over budget option for consideration.**

Jacques Dubé, Chief Administrative Officer and John Traves, Municipal Solicitor responded to questions of clarification from Budget Committee.

Councillor Hendsbee proposed that the additional funding costs come from the Chief Administrative Officer proposed budget. As provided for in section 53 (2) of Administrative Order One, *Respecting the Procedures of the Council*, the amendment was accepted as friendly.

The motion as amended now read:

MOVED by Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor Kent

**THAT the Budget Committee include \$100,000 in additional funding costs associated with providing staffing for the Board of Police Commissioners within the proposed 2022/23 Chief Administrative Officer budget to the Budget Adjustment List as an operating over budget option for consideration.**

**MOTION AS AMENDED PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Not present: Councillor Outhit

## **7. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

Iain MacLean  
Municipal Clerk