



**APPEALS STANDING COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
SPECIAL MEETING  
June 6, 2017**

PRESENT: Councillor Stephen Adams, Chair  
Councillor Russell Walker, Vice-Chair  
Councillor Steve Streach  
Councillor David Hendsbee  
Councillor Sam Austin  
Councillor Lisa Blackburn

STAFF: Tanya Phillips, Manager  
Karen MacDonald, Solicitor  
Liam MacSween, Legislative Assistant

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

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*The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 10:49 a.m.*

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Councillor Adams, Chair called the meeting to order in Council Chamber, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor City Hall, 1841 Argyle Street, Halifax.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – NONE**

**3. APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS**

Additions: None

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Streach

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

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**4. PRESENTATION**

**4.1 Halifax Regional Police – Victim Services re: Taxi Appeals**

The following was before the committee:

- A presentation dated June 6, 2017 re: Victim Services

Angela Jeffrey-Haines, Victim Services Caseworker, and Inspector Reid McCoombs of Halifax Regional Police provided a presentation with respect to Victim Services. Councillor Adams thanked Angela Jeffrey-Haines and Inspector McCoombs for their presentation and requested questions of clarification from the committee.

In response to a question of clarification, Karen MacDonald, Solicitor noted that the Licencing Authority can suspend a license pending the outcome of a criminal case. MacDonald advised that an appeal can be launched and the committee can either overturn the decision of the Licencing Authority or uphold a suspension based on the facts presented to them. MacDonald further advised that there is no way to predict whether an individual would launch legal action against the municipality in the event of a not guilty verdict. MacDonald concluded by noting that the Appeals Standing Committee must look at the facts provided in the case to determine whether any action that may be taken in terms of upholding or overturning a suspension was reasonable.

In response to questions of clarification, Jeffrey-Haines noted the following every client of HRP Victim Services needs different levels of support and that some individuals have contact with staff all the way up to the court proceedings. In general, Victim Services assists clients during the police investigation process and will not reject individuals who may require support during the court proceedings.

**5. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – June 8, 2017, 10:00 a.m. Council Chamber, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor City Hall, 1841 Argyle Street, Halifax.**

**6. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 10:49 a.m.

Liam MacSween  
Legislative Assistant