



**AUDIT AND FINANCE STANDING COMMITTEE
MINUTES
July 19, 2023**

PRESENT: Councillor Paul Russell, Chair
Councillor Cathy Deagle Gammon, Vice Chair
Councillor David Hendsbee
Councillor Shawn Cleary
Councillor Iona Stoddard
Councillor Pam Lovelace

REGRETS: Mayor Mike Savage, Ex Officio

STAFF: Jerry Blackwood, Executive Director of Finance and Asset
Management/Chief Financial Officer
John Traves, K.C., CD, Executive Director of Legal & Legislative Services
/Municipal Solicitor/Chief Governance Officer
Annie Sherry, 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 10:09 a.m. and adjourned at 10:51 a.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:09 a.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 MINUTES – June 21, 2023

MOVED by Councillor Stoddard, seconded by Councillor Cleary

THAT the minutes of June 21, 2023 be approved as circulated.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

Additions: None

Deletions: None

MOVED by Councillor Deagle Gammon, 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 – NONE

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 Budget Increase CD000001 Spring Garden Streetscaping and Contract Amendments for PO #2070858423

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Staff report dated June 15, 2023

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Lovelace

THAT the Audit & Finance Standing Committee recommend that Regional Council:

- 1. Approve a transfer of \$150,000 from Project Account No. CD000002 Argyle & Grafton to CD000001 Spring Garden Road.**
- 2. Approve a transfer of \$750,000 from Project Account No. CT190003 Downtown Dartmouth Infrastructure Renewal to CD000001 Spring Garden Road.**
- 3. Approve a budget increase of \$900,000 to Project Account CD000001 Spring Garden Streetscape.**
- 4. Approve an increase of \$908,386 (net HST included) to PO # 2070858423 for Brycon Construction Ltd. for changes in contracted scope of work, as outlined in the Financial Implications section of the staff report dated June 15, 2023**

Hanita Koblents, Principal Planner, Transportation Planning, Peter Duncan, Acting Executive Director, Planning & Development, and Jerry Blackwood, Executive Director of Finance and Asset Management/Chief Financial Officer responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

12.2.2 Administrative Order 10, Partial Tax Exemption Administrative Order and Land Titles Clarification Act Tax Relief

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Staff report dated June 12, 2023

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Deagle Gammon

THAT the Audit & Finance Standing Committee:

- 1. Discharge the property taxes owed by Applicant 1 (as defined in the staff report dated June 12, 2023) for a total amount of \$42,732.79; and**
- 2. Discharge the property taxes owed by Applicant 2 (as defined in the staff report dated June 12, 2023) for a total amount of \$2,825.49; and**
- 3. Discharge the property taxes owed by Applicant 3 (as defined in the staff report dated June 12, 2023) for a total amount of \$11,970.85.**

John Traves, K.C., CD, Executive Director of Legal & Legislative Services/Municipal Solicitor/Chief Governance Office, and Jerry Blackwood, Executive Director of Finance and Asset Management/Chief Financial Officer responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

Renée Towns, Director of Revenue, Treasurer responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee and noted that the boundaries of the Land Titles Clarification Act were determined by the Government of Nova Scotia.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

12.2.3 Business Services, P&D / PPL&C Team Augmentation

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Staff report dated July 10, 2023

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Lovelace

THAT the Audit & Finance Standing Committee recommend that Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Approve a transfer of \$559,234 (net HST included) from Project Account No. CI990013 (Permitting, Licensing and Compliance) to Project Account No. CI230005 (Permitting Licensing & Compliance-Ph 2);**
- 2. Award an Alternative Procurement contract to Bell Inc., for the provision of consulting services related to the Permitting, Planning, Licensing and Compliance (PPL&C) Program, in the amount of \$559,234 (net HST included), using funding from Project Account No. CI230005 (Permitting Licensing & Compliance-Ph 2) as outlined in the Financial Implications section of the staff report dated July 10, 2023.**

Margie Pike, Manager, Business Services Program responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee and highlighted that there would still be opportunities to apply for permits in person at Alderney Landing, Bayers Road, and the front desk of Duke Tower.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

12.3 GRANTS COMMITTEE – NONE

12.4 MEMBERS OF STANDING COMMITTEE – NONE

13. MOTIONS – NONE

14. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE) – NONE

15. ADDED ITEMS – NONE

16. NOTICES OF MOTION – NONE

17. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – August 16, 2023

19. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:51 a.m.

Annie Sherry
Legislative Assistant