



**AUDIT AND FINANCE STANDING COMMITTEE
MINUTES
December 13, 2023**

PRESENT: Councillor Paul Russell, Chair
Deputy Mayor Cathy Deagle Gammon, Vice Chair
Councillor David Hendsbee
Councillor Iona Stoddard
Councillor Shawn Cleary
Councillor Pam Lovelace
Mayor Mike Savage, Ex Officio

STAFF: Dave Harley, Director Accounting & Financial Reporting
Martin Ward, General Counsel
Dorothy Maponga, Legislative Assistant

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The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m., the Standing Committee moved into an In Camera (In Private) session at 10:12 a.m. and reconvened at 10:52 a.m. The Standing Committee adjourned at 10:53 a.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:05 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.

1.1 Annual Election of Chair

Dorothy Maponga, Legislative Assistant called for nominations for the position of Chair of the Audit and Finance Standing Committee.

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Deagle Gammon, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee

THAT Councillor Russell be nominated Chair of the Audit and Finance Standing Committee.

Councillor Russell was declared the successful nominee.

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Deagle Gammon, seconded by Councillor Lovelace

THAT Councillor Russell be appointed Chair of the Audit and Finance Standing Committee.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Councillor Russell was declared the Chair of the Audit and Finance Standing Committee.

Councillor Russell assumed the Chair.

1.2 Annual Election of Vice Chair

Councillor Russell called for nominations for the position of Vice Chair of the Audit and Finance Standing Committee.

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Lovelace

THAT Deputy Mayor Deagle Gammon be nominated Vice Chair of the Audit and Finance Standing Committee.

Deputy Mayor Deagle Gammon was declared the successful nominee.

MOVED by Councillor Lovelace, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee

THAT Deputy Mayor Deagle Gammon be appointed Vice Chair of the Audit and Finance Standing Committee.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Deputy Mayor Deagle Gammon was declared the Vice Chair of the Audit and Finance Standing Committee.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – November 15, 2023

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Deputy Mayor Deagle Gammon

THAT the minutes of November 15, 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 Deputy Mayor Deagle Gammon, seconded by Councillor Lovelace

THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Later in the meeting, as provided for in section 12 (5) of Administrative Order One, *Respecting the Procedures of the Council*, Mayor Savage requested that Information Item 1 - Provincial Financial Indicators Report 2021/22 – Halifax Regional Municipality be brought forward at the next Audit and Finance Standing Committee Meeting.

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. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - NONE

12. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE

13. REPORTS

13.1 AUDITOR GENERAL - NONE

13.2 STAFF – NONE

14. MOTIONS – NONE

15. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE)

MOVED by Mayor Savage, seconded by Councillor Lovelace

THAT Audit and Finance Standing Committee convene to In Camera (In Private) to discuss Item

15.1 PERSONNEL MATTER.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

15.1 PERSONNEL MATTER – Private and Confidential Report

This matter was dealt with In Camera (In Private) and ratified in public as follows:

The following was before Standing Committee:

- Private and confidential staff report dated December 1, 2023
- Private and confidential staff presentation dated December 13, 2023

MOVED by Mayor Savage, seconded by Councillor Lovelace

THAT the Audit & Finance Standing Committee adopt the direction provided In Camera (In Private).

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

16. ADDED ITEMS – NONE

17. NOTICES OF MOTION – NONE

18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – January 17, 2024

19. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:53 a.m.

Dorothy Maponga
Legislative Assistant