



**AUDIT AND FINANCE STANDING COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
April 17, 2024**

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

STAFF: Jerry Blackwood, Executive Director of Finance and Asset  
Management/Chief Financial Officer  
Chris Giddens, Solicitor III  
Dorothy Maponga, Legislative Assistant

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*The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am and adjourned at 10:34 p.m.*

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

The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:00 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 – March 20, 2024**

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Lovelace

**THAT the minutes of March 20, 2024 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 Cleary, seconded by Deputy Mayor Deagle Gammon

**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. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

The Chair noted there were no registered speakers and called three times for any other members of the public wishing to speak; there were none.

**12. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE**

**13. REPORTS**

**13.1 AUDITOR GENERAL**

**13.1.1 2023-24 Annual Report and 2024-25 Audit Priorities**

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Auditor General report dated April 17, 2024
- Presentation dated April 17, 2024

Andrew Atherton, Auditor General gave a presentation and responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

Cathie O'Toole, Chief Administrative Officer responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Cleary

**THAT the Audit and Finance Standing Committee forward the Auditor General report dated April 17, 2024 to Halifax Regional Council as an information item.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

### **13.2 STAFF**

#### **13.2.1 Investment Activities – Quarter ending December 31, 2023**

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Staff report dated March 4, 2024

MOVED by Mayor Savage, seconded by Councillor Lovelace

**THAT the Audit and Finance Standing Committee forward the staff report dated March 4, 2024 to Halifax Regional Council as an information item.**

Vicki Robertson, Acting Director of Revenue and Deputy Treasurer responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

### **13.3 GRANTS COMMITTEE – NONE**

### **13.4. MEMEBERS OF STANDING COMMITTEE – NONE**

### **14. MOTIONS - NONE**

### **15. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE)**

#### **15.1 In Camera (In Private) Minutes – March 20, 2024**

This matter was dealt with in public.

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Lovelace

**THAT the In Camera (In Private) minutes of March 20, 2024 be approved as circulated.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

### **16. ADDED ITEMS – NONE**

### **17. NOTICES OF MOTION – NONE**

### **18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – May 15, 2024**

### **19. ADJOURNMENT**

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The meeting adjourned at 10:34 a.m.

Dorothy Maponga  
Legislative Assistant