



**AUDIT AND FINANCE STANDING COMMITTEE
DRAFT 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

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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