



**AUDIT AND FINANCE STANDING COMMITTEE
DRAFT MINUTES
April 16, 2025**

PRESENT: Councillor Cathy Deagle Gammon, Chair
Councillor David Hendsbee
Councillor Kathryn Morse
Councillor Billy Gillis
Councillor Jean St-Amand

REGRETS: Councillor Shawn Cleary, Vice Chair

OTHERS PRESENT: Councillor Trish Purdy

STAFF: Dave Harley, Director of Financial Management and Operations
John Traves, K.C., CD, Municipal Solicitor/Chief Governance Officer
Dorothy Maponga, Legislative Assistant

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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.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – March 24, 2025

MOVED by Councillor Morse, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee

THAT the minutes of March 24, 2025 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 Gillis, seconded by Councillor St-Amand

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 STAFF

13.1.1 Follow-up Review - 2022-23 Audits

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Auditor General report dated April 16, 2025
- Presentation dated April 16, 2025

Andrew Atherton, Auditor General gave a presentation.

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13.1.2 Follow-up Review of Outstanding Recommendations - 2020-21 Audits

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Auditor General report dated April 16, 2025
- Presentation dated April 16, 2025

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

Peter Stickings, Director, Corporate Real Estate responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

MOVED by Councillor Morse, seconded by Councillor Gillis

THAT the Audit and Finance Standing Committee convene to In Camera (In Private) to discuss Item 15.1 PERSONNEL MATTER and Item 15.2 PERSONNEL MATTER.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

13.1.3 2024-25 Annual Report and 2025-26 Audit Priorities

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Auditor General report dated April 16, 2025
- Presentation dated April 16, 2025

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

14. MOTIONS – NONE

15. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE)

15.1 PERSONNEL MATTER – Private and Confidential Report

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Private and confidential report dated April 16, 2025

This matter was dealt with In Camera (In Private).

15.2 PERSONNEL MATTER – Private and Confidential Report

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Private and confidential report dated April 16, 2025

This matter was dealt with In Camera (In Private).

16. ADDED ITEMS – NONE

17. NOTICES OF MOTION – NONE

18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – May 21, 2025

19. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:02 a.m.

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Dorothy Maponga
Legislative Assistant