HALIFAX

AUDIT AND FINANCE STANDING COMMITTEE
MINUTES
June 22, 2026

PRESENT:	Councillor Cathy Deagle Gammon, Chair Councillor Jean St-Amand, Vice Chair Councillor David Hendsbee Councillor Shawn Cleary Councillor Billy Gillis Mayor Andy Fillmore, Ex-Officio
REGRETS:	Councillor Kathryn Morse
OTHERS PRESENT:	Deputy Mayor Patty Cuttell Councillor Becky Kent Councillor Trish Purdy Councillor Sam Austin Councillor Tony Mancini Councillor Laura White Councillor Virginia Hinch Councillor Janet Steele Councillor Nancy Hartling Councillor John Young
STAFF:	Jerry Blackwood, Executive Director of Finance & Asset Management/Chief Financial Officer John Traves, K.C., CD, Municipal Solicitor/Chief Governance Officer Elizabeth Macdonald Legislative Assistant Krista Vining, Team Lead, Legislative Assistants

The following does not represent a verbatim record of the proceedings of this meeting.

The agenda, reports, supporting documents, information items circulated, and video (if available) are online at.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:09 p.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 – May 13, 2026

MOVED by Councillor St-Amand, seconded by Councillor Gillis

THAT the minutes of May 13, 2026 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 AUDITOR GENERAL
13.1.1 Capital Budgeting Audit

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Auditor General report dated June 22, 2026
- Presentation dated June 22, 2026

Andrew Atherton, Auditor General gave a presentation.

MOVED by Councillor St-Amand, seconded by Councillor Gillis

THAT Halifax Regional Council waive the rules of order section 83 (1) and (3) of Administrative Order One, *Respecting the Procedures of the Council,* to permit Committee of the Whole speaking rules.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Atherton responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

13.1.2 Office of the Mayor Expenses Audit

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Auditor General report dated June 22, 2026

Andrew Atherton, Auditor General provided a verbal presentation which summarized the report and responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

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

As provided for in section 103 of Administrative Order One, *Respecting the Procedures of the Council*, a motion was made to convene In Camera to discuss a personnel matter.

MOVED by Councillor St-Amand, seconded by Councillor Cleary

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

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

13.2 STAFF
13.2.1 Cogswell Water Feature Budget Transfer

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Staff report dated June 12, 2026

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor St-Amand

THAT the Audit and Finance Standing Committee recommend that Halifax Regional Council transfer $2,100,000 of the fountain budget from Cogswell Account CT0000007 to Granville Park Water Feature CP260001 to proceed with a design-build approach for a water spray pad in Granville Park targeting construction in 2027.

Elora Wilkinson, Program Manager, Major Projects Office responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

13.2.2 Investment Activities – Quarter ending March 31, 2026

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Staff report dated June 15, 2026

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor St-Amand

THAT the Audit and Finance Standing Committee forward the staff report dated June 15, 2026 to Halifax Regional Council as an information item.

Aaron McLean, Deputy Treasurer responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

14. MOTIONS – NONE

15. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE) – NONE

16. ADDED ITEMS – NONE

17. NOTICES OF MOTION – NONE

18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – August 12, 2026

19. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:53 p.m.

Krista Vining
Team Lead, Legislative Assistants