



**AUDIT AND FINANCE STANDING COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
September 19, 2017**

**PRESENT:** Councillor Bill Karsten, Chair  
Councillor Lorelei Nicoll, Vice Chair  
Councillor Russell Walker  
Councillor Stephen D. Adams  
Deputy Mayor Steve Craig

**REGRETS:** Councillor Matt Whitman

**STAFF:** John Traves, Municipal Solicitor  
Amanda Whitewood, CFO/Director of Finance and Asset Management  
Sheilagh Edmonds, Legislative Assistant

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*The meeting was called to order at 11:30 a.m. and adjourned at 11:39 a.m.*

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m.

**2. APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS**

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Craig, seconded by Councillor Walker

**THAT the agenda be approved as presented.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**3. CALL FOR DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTERESTS - NONE**

**4. REPORTS**

**4.1 Request for financial assistance and to enter into a Heritage Agreement with St. Paul's Church, 1749 Argyle Street, Halifax**

The following was before the Audit and Finance Standing Committee:

- A staff recommendation report dated August 17, 2017

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Craig, seconded by Councillor Nicoll

**The Audit and Finance Standing Committee recommend Regional Council approve the following, conditional upon i) the execution of the Heritage Agreement as found at Attachment A with the Parish of St. Paul's and its registration at the Land Registry Office, and ii) the execution of a Contribution Agreement with the Government of Canada:**

- 1. the provision of in-kind financial assistance of a value up to but not exceeding \$500,000, with a net municipal project cost up to but not exceeding \$250,000, to the Parish of St. Paul's for the restoration of a portion of the perimeter ironstone wall and cast iron fencing surrounding St. Paul's Church in accordance with the Heritage Agreement as found at Attachment A of the August 17, 2017 staff report, with funding as outlined in the Financial Implications section of this report;**
- 2. an unbudgeted withdrawal of \$250,000 from the General Contingency Reserve (Q421) to the project budget to fund the net municipal cost of the financial assistance; and**
- 3. the expansion of the scope of work, in the 2017-18 fiscal year, as found in the Heritage Agreement as found at Attachment A of the August 17, 2017 staff report to allow for the restoration of additional portions of the ironstone wall and cast iron fencing, providing that the net municipal project cost does not exceed \$250,000, and to authorize any necessary amendments to the Heritage Agreement to reflect the expanded scope of work.**

Aaron Murnaghan, Principal Planner, Heritage, and John MacPherson, Manger, Corporate Facility Design and Construction responded to questions.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**5. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 11:39 a.m.

Sheilagh Edmonds  
Legislative Assistant