



**AUDIT COMMITTEE
MINUTES
March 20, 2024**

PRESENT: Councillor Paul Russell, Chair
Councillor Cathy Deagle Gammon, Vice Chair
Councillor Shawn Cleary
Councillor David Hendsbee
Councillor Pam Lovelace
Caroline Duchesne
Taiwo Lawal

REGRETS: Councillor Iona Stoddard

OTHERS PRESENT: Councillor Trish Purdy

STAFF: Jerry Blackwood, Executive Director of Finance and Asset Management/Chief Financial Officer
John Traves, K.C., CD, Executive Director of Legal & Legislative Services
/Municipal Solicitor/Chief Governance Officer
Dorothy Maponga, Legislative Assistant
Olawumi Odeyinka- Apantaku, Legislative Assistant

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The meeting was called to order at 10:01 a.m. and moved into an In Camera (In Private) session at 10:22 a.m. and reconvened at 10:37 a.m. The Standing Committee adjourned at 10:39 a.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:01 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 – August 16, 2023

MOVED by Councillor Lovelace, seconded Deputy Mayor Deagle Gammon

THAT the minutes of August 16, 2023 be approved as circulated

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

3. APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS AND APPROVAL OF ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

Additions:

- Item 6.2 – PERSONAL MATTER – Private and Confidential

Deletions - None

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Deagle Gammon, seconded Councillor Lovelace

THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

4. CALL FOR DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTERESTS – NONE

5. Audit of the Consolidated Financial Statements of HRM, March 31, 2024

The following was before the Committee:

- Staff report dated March 11, 2024
- Presentation dated March 6, 2024

Carey Blair, Lead Partner, KPMG gave a presentation and responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Deagle Gammon, seconded by Councillor Lovelace

THAT the Audit Committee approve the attached Audit Planning report for the year-end audit of HRM's consolidated financial statements, General Rate Surplus statements, and Miscellaneous Trust Funds statements as prepared by the Municipal Auditor (KPMG).

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

6. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE)

6.1 In Camera (In Private) Minutes – August 16, 2023

This matter was dealt with in public.

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Lovelace

THAT the In Camera (In Private) minutes of August 16, 2023 be approved as circulated.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Deagle Gammon, seconded by Councillor Lovelace

THAT Audit Committee convene to In Camera (In Private) to discuss Item 6.2 PERSONNEL MATTER.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

6.2 PERSONNEL MATTER - Private and Confidential

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

7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – To be determined

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:39 a.m.

Olawumi Odeyinka-Apantaku
Legislative Assistant