



**AUDIT AND FINANCE STANDING COMMITTEE
MINUTES
June 19, 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 10:01 a.m. and the Standing Committee adjourned at 10:27 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 – April 17, 2024

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Cleary

THAT the minutes of April 17, 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 Deputy Mayor Deagle Gammon, seconded by Mayor Savage

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 Follow-up Review of Outstanding Recommendations – 2019-20 Audits

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Auditor General report dated June 19, 2024
- Presentation dated June 19, 2024

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

Jerry Blackwood, Executive Director of Finance and Asset Management/Chief Financial Officer and John MacPherson, Executive Director, Property, Fleet & Environment responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

13.2 STAFF

13.2.1 Investment Activities – Quarter ending March 31, 2024

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Staff report dated June 10, 2024

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee

THAT the Audit and Finance Standing Committee forward the staff report dated June 10, 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.

13.2.2 Microphone Technology & Hearing Hotspot Upgrades - Funding Request

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Staff report dated April 5, 2024

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Deagle Gammon, seconded by Councillor Lovelace

THAT the Audit and Finance Standing Committee recommend that Halifax Regional Council approve the transfer of \$54,500 including net HST from capital project CI000021 - Public WiFi, to capital project CI200001 – IT Service Management.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

13.3 GRANTS COMMITTEE - NONE

13.4 MEMBERS OF STANDING COMMITTEE – NONE

14. MOTIONS – NONE

15. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE) – NONE

16. ADDED ITEMS – NONE

17. NOTICES OF MOTION - NONE

18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – July 17, 2024

19. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:27 a.m.

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Dorothy Maponga
Legislative Assistant