



**AUDIT AND FINANCE STANDING COMMITTEE  
DRAFT 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

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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