



**AUDIT AND FINANCE STANDING COMMITTEE
SPECIAL MEETING
DRAFT MINUTES
November 26, 2024**

PRESENT: Deputy Mayor Cathy Deagle Gammon, Chair
Councillor Shawn Cleary, Vice Chair
Councillor David Hendsbee
Councillor Kathryn Morse
Councillor Billy Gillis
Councillor Jean St-Amand

STAFF: Jerry Blackwood, Executive Director of Finance and Asset
Management/Chief Financial Officer
Karen Brown, Managing Solicitor
Dorothy Maponga, Legislative Assistant
Simon Ross-Siegel, Legislative Assistant

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1. CALL TO ORDER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Deputy Mayor Deagle Gammon called the meeting to order at 10:03 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.

1.1 Annual Election of Chair

Dorothy Maponga, Legislative Assistant called for nominations for the position of Chair of the Audit and Finance Standing Committee.

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Morse

THAT Deputy Mayor Deagle Gammon be nominated Chair of the Audit and Finance Standing Committee.

Deputy Mayor Deagle Gammon was declared the successful nominee.

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee

THAT Deputy Mayor Deagle Gammon be appointed Chair of the Audit and Finance Standing Committee.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Deputy Mayor Deagle Gammon was declared the Chair of the Audit and Finance Standing Committee.

Deputy Mayor Deagle Gammon assumed the Chair.

1.2 Annual Election of Vice Chair

Deputy Mayor Deagle Gammon called for nominations for the position of Vice Chair of the Audit and Finance Standing Committee.

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Deagle Gammon, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee

THAT Councillor Cleary be nominated Vice Chair of the Audit and Finance Standing Committee.

Councillor Cleary was declared the successful nominee.

MOVED by Councillor St-Amand, seconded by Councillor Gillis

THAT Councillor Cleary be appointed Vice Chair of the Audit and Finance Standing Committee.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Councillor Cleary was declared the Vice Chair of the Audit and Finance Standing Committee.

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

Additions: None

Deletions: None

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MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor St-Amand

THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

3. CALL FOR DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTERESTS – NONE

4. AUDIT AND FINANCE STANDING COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Staff report dated November 19, 2024

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Morse

THAT Audit and Finance Standing Committee:

- 1. Appoint one (1) Member of the Audit and Finance Standing Committee to serve as the Chair of Grants Committee for a term to November 2026;**
- 2. Appoint one (1) Member of the Audit and Finance Standing Committee to Special Events Advisory Committee for a term to November 2026; and**
- 3. Appoint one (1) Member of the Audit and Finance Standing Committee to Executive Standing Committee for a term to November 2026.**

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Gillis

THAT Deputy Mayor Deagle Gammon be nominated to serve as the Chair of Grants Committee.

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Deagle Gammon, seconded by Councillor Morse

THAT Councillor St-Amand be nominated to serve as the Chair of Grants Committee.

Deputy Mayor Deagle Gammon withdrew their name from consideration to serve as the Chair of Grants Committee.

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Morse

THAT Councillor Gillis be nominated to Special Events Advisory Committee.

MOVED by Councillor Morse, seconded by Councillor Gillis

THAT Deputy Mayor Deagle Gammon be nominated to Executive Standing Committee.

The question was called on the main motion:

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Morse

THAT Audit and Finance Standing Committee:

- 1. Appoint Councillor St-Amand to serve as the Chair of Grants Committee for a term to November 2026;**

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- 2. Appoint Councillor Gillis to Special Events Advisory Committee for a term to November 2026; and**
- 3. Appoint Deputy Mayor Deagle Gammon to Executive Standing Committee for a term to November 2026.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

5. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:13 a.m.

Simon Ross-Siegel
Legislative Assistant