



**BUDGET COMMITTEE
(STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ON BUDGET)
SPECIAL MEETING
MINUTES
March 3, 2021**

PRESENT: Councillor Paul Russell, Chair
Mayor Mike Savage
Deputy Mayor Tim Outhit
Councillors: Cathy Deagle Gammon
David Hendsbee
Becky Kent
Trish Purdy
Sam Austin
Tony Mancini
Waye Mason
Lindell Smith
Shawn Cleary
Kathryn Morse
Patty Cuttell
Iona Stoddard
Pam Lovelace
Lisa Blackburn

STAFF: Jacques Dubé, Chief Administrative Officer
Jane Fraser, Executive Director of Finance & Asset Management/Chief Financial Officer
John Traves, Municipal Solicitor
Chief Ken Stuebing, Halifax Regional Fire & Emergency
Iain MacLean, Municipal Clerk
Simon Ross-Siegel, Legislative Assistant

The following does not represent a verbatim record of the proceedings of this meeting.

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The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m., and recessed at 11:58 a.m. Budget Committee reconvened in at 1:00 p.m. Budget Committee adjourned at 2:12 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES – February 10, 2021

MOVED by Councillor Stoddard, seconded by Councillor Blackburn

THAT the minutes of February 10, 2021 be approved as circulated.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

3. CALL FOR DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTERESTS – NONE

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Brendan Meagher, President of Halifax Professional Firefighters and a resident of Middle Sackville, spoke before the Budget Committee and answered questions regarding Fire Services in the municipality. Meagher detailed steps taken to innovate service delivery during Covid-19 and identified current pressures and service needs.

5. Halifax Regional Fire and Emergency

The following was before Budget Committee:

- A staff recommendation report dated February 24, 2021 with revised page 2 of Attachment 1
- A staff presentation dated March 3, 2021 entitled “Halifax Regional Fire & Emergency Budget & Business Plan 2021/22”
- A private and confidential briefing note dated February 26, 2021
- A staff memorandum dated March 3, 2021 entitled “Proposed Budget Adjustment List”
- Correspondence from Ed Empringham and Thomas J. McInnis

Chief Ken Stuebing, Halifax Regional Fire & Emergency, provided an overview of the Halifax Regional Fire & Emergency Budget & Business Plan 2021/22. Chief Stuebing, Deputy Chief Corey Beals, Deputy Chief Dave Meldrum, Assistant Chief Erica Fleck, and Matt Covey, Division Chief Fire and Prevention, answered questions from Councillors.

MOVED by Councillor Mancini, seconded by Deputy Mayor Outhit

THAT the Budget Committee direct the Chief Administrative Officer to incorporate the Halifax Regional Fire and Emergency (HRFE) proposed 2021/22 Budget and Business Plan, as set out and discussed in the February 24, 2021 staff report and supporting presentation by staff, into the Draft 2021/22 Operating Budget.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:12 p.m.

Iain MacLean
Municipal Clerk