



**AUDIT AND FINANCE STANDING COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
April 16, 2025**

**PRESENT:** Councillor Cathy Deagle Gammon, Chair  
Councillor David Hendsbee  
Councillor Kathryn Morse  
Councillor Billy Gillis  
Councillor Jean St-Amand

**REGRETS:** Councillor Shawn Cleary, Vice Chair

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Councillor Trish Purdy

**STAFF:** Dave Harley, Director of Financial Management and Operations  
John Traves, K.C., CD, Municipal Solicitor/Chief Governance Officer  
Dorothy Maponga, Legislative Assistant

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

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**1. CALL TO ORDER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:05 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 – March 24, 2025**

MOVED by Councillor Morse, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee

**THAT the minutes of March 24, 2025 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 Councillor Gillis, seconded by Councillor St-Amand

**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 STAFF**

**13.1.1 Follow-up Review - 2022-23 Audits**

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Auditor General report dated April 16, 2025
- Presentation dated April 16, 2025

Andrew Atherton, Auditor General gave a presentation.

### **13.1.2 Follow-up Review of Outstanding Recommendations - 2020-21 Audits**

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Auditor General report dated April 16, 2025
- Presentation dated April 16, 2025

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

Peter Stickings, Director, Corporate Real Estate responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

MOVED by Councillor Morse, seconded by Councillor Gillis

**THAT the Audit and Finance Standing Committee convene to In Camera (In Private) to discuss Item 15.1 PERSONNEL MATTER and Item 15.2 PERSONNEL MATTER.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

### **13.1.3 2024-25 Annual Report and 2025-26 Audit Priorities**

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Auditor General report dated April 16, 2025
- Presentation dated April 16, 2025

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

## **14. MOTIONS – NONE**

## **15. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE)**

### **15.1 PERSONNEL MATTER – Private and Confidential Report**

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Private and confidential report dated April 16, 2025

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

### **15.2 PERSONNEL MATTER – Private and Confidential Report**

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Private and confidential report dated April 16, 2025

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

## **16. ADDED ITEMS – NONE**

## **17. NOTICES OF MOTION – NONE**

## **18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – May 21, 2025**

## **19. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 11:02 a.m.

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Dorothy Maponga  
Legislative Assistant