



**AUDIT AND FINANCE STANDING COMMITTEE
MINUTES
October 15, 2025**

PRESENT: Councillor 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
Chris Giddens, Managing Solicitor
Dorothy Maponga, Legislative Assistant

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1. CALL TO ORDER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:02 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 – September 17, 2025

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Gillis

THAT the minutes of September 17, 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 Investment Activities - Quarter Ending June 30, 2025

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Staff report dated September 30, 2025

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Gillis

THAT the Audit and Finance Standing Committee forward the staff report dated September 30, 2025 to Halifax Regional Council as an information item.

Aaron McLean, Deputy Treasurer and Jerry Blackwood, Executive Director of Finance and Asset Management/Chief Financial Officer responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

13.1.2 Funding Request – Prescott Group Society

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Staff report dated October 2, 2025

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor St-Amand

THAT the Audit and Finance Standing Committee recommend that Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Refer the Prescott Group Society's funding request towards the purchase of small equipment to the Community Grants Program for consideration in fiscal year 2026/2027; and**
- 2. Decline the Prescott Group Society's request for tax relief.**

Jerry Blackwood, Executive Director of Finance and Asset Management/Chief Financial Officer and Peta-Jane Temple Team Lead Grants Tax & Special Project responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

As provided for in section 90 of Administrative Order One, *Respecting the Procedures of the Council*, the motion was separated for voting purposes.

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor St-Amand

THAT the Audit and Finance Standing Committee recommend that Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Refer the Prescott Group Society's funding request towards the purchase of small equipment to the Community Grants Program for consideration in fiscal year 2026/2027.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor St-Amand

THAT the Audit and Finance Standing Committee recommend that Halifax Regional Council:

- 2. Decline the Prescott Group Society's request for tax relief.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

13.1.3 Enterprise Project Management & Land Acquisition

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Staff report dated October 15, 2025

MOVED by Councillor Morse, seconded by Councillor Gillis

THAT the Audit and Finance Standing Committee recommend that Halifax Regional Council amend the multi-year capital plan as described in the staff report dated October 15, 2025 to reflect the projected annual expenditures for capital project CI250002 - Enterprise Project Management.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

14. MOTIONS – NONE

15. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE) – NONE

16. ADDED ITEMS – NONE

17. NOTICES OF MOTION – NONE

18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – November 19, 2025

19. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:27 a.m.

Dorothy Maponga
Legislative Assistant