



**AUDIT AND FINANCE STANDING COMMITTEE  
DRAFT 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

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**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

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**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