



**AUDIT AND FINANCE STANDING COMMITTEE  
DRAFT MINUTES  
December 10, 2025**

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

**STAFF:** Jerry Blackwood, Executive Director of Finance and Asset  
Management/Chief Financial Officer  
John Traves, K.C., CD, Municipal Solicitor/Chief Governance Officer  
Dorothy Maponga, Legislative Assistant

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

The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:00 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 – November 25, 2025**

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Gillis

**THAT the minutes of November 25, 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 Cleary, seconded by Councillor Gillis

**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 – 2023 Audit: HRM IT: Management of Cybersecurity**

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Auditor General report dated December 10, 2025

Andrew Atherton, Auditor General gave a presentation.

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**14. MOTIONS - NONE**

MOVED by Councillor St-Amand, seconded by Councillor Gillis

**THAT the Audit and Finance Standing Committee convene to In Camera (In Private) to discuss Item 15.1 PUBLIC SAFETY.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

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

**15.1 PUBLIC SAFETY - Private and Confidential Report**

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

**16. ADDED ITEMS – NONE**

**17. NOTICES OF MOTION – NONE**

**18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – January 21, 2026**

**19. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 10:51 a.m.

Dorothy Maponga  
Legislative Assistant