



**AUDIT AND FINANCE STANDING COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
April 15, 2026**

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: Dave Harley, Director of Financial Management and Operations  
Chris Giddens, Solicitor  
Dorothy Maponga, Legislative Assistant

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

The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:25 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 – February 25, 2026**

MOVED by Councillor Gillis, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee

**THAT the minutes of February 25, 2026 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 AUDITOR GENERAL**

**13.1.1 Halifax Water – Management of Hiring Practices Audit**

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Auditor General report dated April 15, 2026
- Presentation dated April 15, 2026

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

### **13.1.2 Follow-up Review – 2024 Audit: Management of Hiring Practices Audit**

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Auditor General report dated April 15, 2026
- Presentation dated April 15, 2026

Andrew Atherton, Auditor General gave a presentation.

### **13.1.3 Follow-up Review of Outstanding Recommendations – 2021-22 Audits: Management of the Fire Inspection Program and Management of Respectful Workplaces**

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Auditor General report dated April 15, 2026
- Presentation dated April 15, 2026

Andrew Atherton, Auditor General gave a presentation.

Dave Meldrum, Acting Chief, Halifax Regional Fire & Emergency (HRFE) and Matt Covey, Division Chief, Fire Prevention & Public Education (HRFE) responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

### **13.1.4 2025-26 Annual Report and 2026-27 Audit Priorities**

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Auditor General report dated April 15, 2026
- Presentation dated April 15, 2026

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

## **13.2 STAFF**

### **13.2.1 Investment Activities - Quarter ending December 2025**

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Staff report dated March 30, 2026

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Morse

**THAT the Audit and Finance Standing Committee forward the staff report dated March 30, 2026 to Halifax Regional Council as an information item.**

Aaron McLean, Deputy Treasurer and Dave Harley, Director of Financial Management and Operations responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

### **13.2.2 Sir Sandford Flemming Park – Shoreline Improvements Phase 5**

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Staff report dated April 8, 2026

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee

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

- 1. Amend the multi-year capital plan as described in the staff report dated April 8, 2026 to reflect the projected annual expenditures for capital project account no. CP180002 – Shoreline Improvements/Water Access.**
- 2. Award Tender No. 2025-0573 Sir Sandford Flemming Park - Shoreline Improvements Phase 5 to the sole bidder, Langes Rock Farm Construction Ltd for a total tender price of \$1,308,274.21 (net HST included) with funding from Project Account No. CP180002 – Shoreline Improvements/Water Access, as outlined in the Financial Implications section of the staff report dated April 8, 2026.**

Jeff Spares, Manager Parks Capital Projects responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**14. MOTIONS – NONE**

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

**15.1 In Camera (In Private) Minutes – February 25, 2026**

This matter was dealt with in public.

MOVED by Councillor Gillis, seconded by Councillor St-Amand

**THAT the In Camera (In Private) minutes of February 25, 2026 be approved as circulated.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**16. ADDED ITEMS – NONE**

**17. NOTICES OF MOTION – NONE**

**18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – May 20, 2026**

**19. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 11:21 a.m.

Dorothy Maponga  
Legislative Assistant