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## **CORPORATION OF HAMILTON**

### **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

#### **PUBLIC SESSION**

Thursday, January 13, 2022, 10:00 am  
Online Remote

Present: Councillor Dennis Tucker, MBE, JP, Chairman  
Rt. Wor. Charles R. Gosling, JP  
Councillor John Harvey, MBE, JP  
Councillor Lawrence Scott, JP  
Councillor J. Brimmer

Staff: CEO/City Secretary - Dwayne A. Caines, JP  
CFO/Acting City Secretary – Tanya Iris  
COO/City Engineer - Patrick Cooper  
Director of HR/Learning and Development – Lindell Foster

Apologies: Controller – Siobhan Fubler

In Attendance: Mr. Stephen Woodward - KPMG  
Mr. Jonnie Burnett - KPMG

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#### **1. Confirmation of Notice**

The CEO/City Secretary confirmed that the appropriate notices of the meeting were duly given according to the Meeting Guide.

#### **2. Role of Chairman**

Councillor Dennis Tucker confirmed his role as the Chairman.

#### **3. Open Meeting**

The meeting was called to order at 10.00 am.

#### **4. Apologies**

The CEO/City Secretary confirmed that apologies had been received from the Controller, Siobhan Fubler.

## **5. Public Participation/Presentation**

### **5.1 KPMG - Audit Plan and Strategy**

The Chairman welcomed Mr. Stephen Woodward and Mr. Jonnie Burnett, of KPMG, to discuss the 2021 Audit Plan and Strategy.

Mr. Woodward gave an overview of the 2021 Audit Plan as circulated. He said that the Audit Plan would be consistent with previous years. The audit would be presented by the end of April 2022, before the Council elections.

The Mayor thanked Mr. Woodward and Mr. Burnett for their services to the COH throughout the duration of the current Council's terms and noted the timely audits and the good working relationship with KPMG, which he hoped would be taken into consideration by the next Council. The Chairman agreed with the Mayor's comments and looked forward to working with KPMG for the upcoming audit.

The Chairman said that he had been disappointed with the recent newspaper article on the COH end of year review which included the Appeal of the Constitutionality case. He suggested that the COH write its own end of year review and take a paid advertisement in the Royal Gazette in the future.

*Mr. Woodward and Mr. Burnett left the meeting at 10.28 am.*

## **6. Correspondence**

There was no correspondence.

## **7. Minutes of the Previous Finance Committee Meeting dated 16 December 2021 (Public Session)**

**Proposed:** Councillor L. Scott

**Seconded:** Councillor J. Harvey

The Minutes were accepted as read.

## **8. Matters Arising from the Previous Finance Committee Meeting dated 16 December 2021 (Public Session)**

### **8.1 Published 2021 Financial Statement**

**The CEO/City Secretary to publish a written overview of the COH's financial situation when the audited financial statement is released, before the Council election in May.**

The CEO/City Secretary said that the overview would be published at the appropriate time. Action item completed.

## **9. Resolutions Approved by the Minister**

That the Board approve the COH 2022 Budget document.

## **10. Recommendations for Review**

There were no Recommendations for review.

**11. Status Updates**

**11.1 Monthly Financial Report - November 2021**

The CFO/Acting City Secretary said that there had been no significant changes in November 2021. Discussion ensued.

- Contracted services - asphaltting budget spending would increase in December 2021.
- Capita Project - budget spending would increase in December 2021.
- Tipping Fees continue to accrue.

*The Mayor left the meeting at 11.00 am.*

**12. Any Other Business**

**13. Motion to Move to Restricted Session**

**Proposed:** Councillor J. Brimmer

**Seconded:** Councillor L. Scott