



**The Corporation of the County of Northumberland  
Finance and Audit Committee  
Minutes**

**April 2, 2024, 11:00 a.m.  
Council Chambers  
555 Courthouse Road, Cobourg, ON K9A 5J6  
Hybrid Meeting (In-Person and Virtual)**

Members Present: Chair Lucas Cleveland  
Warden Brian Ostrander  
Councillor Mandy Martin

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**1. Notices**

**1.a Accessible Format**

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**1.b Meeting Format**

This Committee Meeting was held using a hybrid meeting model. The public were invited to attend in-person in Council Chambers, view the meeting via the live stream, or join online or by phone using Zoom Conference Technology.

**2. Call to Order**

Chair Lucas Cleveland called the meeting to order at 11:01 a.m.

**2.a Territorial Land Acknowledgement**

**3. Approval of the Agenda**

**Committee Resolution 2024-04-02-217**

**Moved by** Warden Brian Ostrander

**Seconded by** Councillor Mandy Martin

"**That** the agenda for the April 2, 2024 Finance and Audit Committee be approved."

**Carried**

**4. Disclosures of Interest**

- No disclosures

**5. Delegations**

N/A

**6. Business Arising from Last Meeting**

N/A

**7. Communications**

**7.a Correspondence, Municipality of St. Charles 'Reduce Municipal Insurance Costs'**

**Committee Resolution 2024-04-02-218**

**Moved by** Warden Brian Ostrander

**Seconded by** Councillor Mandy Martin

"**That** the Finance and Audit Committee receive the correspondence from the Municipality of St. Charles regarding 'Reduce Municipal Insurance Costs' for information, noting that County Council previously considered and supported correspondence regarding this subject matter at the May 17, 2023 County Council meeting; and

**Further That** the Committee recommend that County Council receive this correspondence for information."

**Carried**

**7.b Correspondence, Township of Limerick, Township of Puslinch 'Social and Economic Prosperity Review'**

**Committee Resolution 2024-04-02-219**

**Moved by** Councillor Mandy Martin

**Seconded by** Warden Brian Ostrander

"**That** the Finance and Audit Committee receive the correspondence from the Township of Limerick and Township of Puslinch, regarding 'Social and Economic Prosperity Review' for information, noting that County Council previously considered correspondence regarding this subject matter and subsequently received the correspondence for information; and

**Further That** the Committee recommend that County Council receive the correspondence for information."

**Carried**

**7.c Correspondence, Municipality of Powassan 'Operational Budget Funding'**

**Committee Resolution 2024-04-02-220**

**Moved by** Warden Brian Ostrander

**Seconded by** Councillor Mandy Martin

"**That** the Finance and Audit Committee receive the correspondence from the Municipality of Powassan regarding 'Operational Budget Funding' for information; and

**Further That** the Committee recommend that County Council receive this correspondence for information."

**Carried**

**8. Staff Reports**

**8.a Report 2024-049 '2024 Budget By-law Amendment for Approved 2023 Carryovers'**

Matthew Nitsch, Director Finance / Treasurer

**Committee Resolution 2024-04-02-221**

**Moved by** Warden Brian Ostrander

**Seconded by** Councillor Mandy Martin

"**That** the Finance and Audit Committee, having considered Report 2024-049 '2024 Budget By-law Amendment for Approved 2023 Carryovers', recommend that County Council approve the transfer of funds from

reserve for financing 2023 carryover items in 2024 as identified in By-law 36-2023; and

**Further That** the Committee recommend that County Council enact a by-law at the April 17, 2024 County Council meeting to amend By-law 41-2023 to authorize the incorporation of approved 2023 carryovers into the 2024 Budget."

**Carried**

**8.b Report 2024-050 '2024 Property Tax Policy'**

Matthew Nitsch, Director Finance / Treasurer

**Committee Resolution 2024-04-02-222**

**Moved by** Warden Brian Ostrander

**Seconded by** Councillor Mandy Martin

"**That** the Finance and Audit Committee, having considered Report 2024-050 '2024 Property Tax Policy', recommend that County Council enact by-laws to authorize the 2024 tax ratios and tax rates at the April 17, 2024 County Council meeting."

**Carried**

**8.c Report 2024-051 'February 2024 Year-To-Date Financial Results'**

Matthew Nitsch, Director Finance / Treasurer

**Committee Resolution 2024-04-02-223**

**Moved by** Warden Brian Ostrander

**Seconded by** Councillor Mandy Martin

"**That** the Finance and Audit Committee receive Report 2024-051 'February 2024 Year-To-Date Financial Results' for information; and

**Further That** the Committee recommend that County Council receive this report for information."

**Carried**

**9. Other Matters Considered by Committee**

N/A

**10. Media Questions**

**11. Closed Session**

N/A

**12. Motion to Rise and Result from Closed Session**

N/A

**13. Next Meeting - Tuesday, April 30, 2024 at 11:00 a.m.**

**14. Adjournment**

- The meeting adjourned at 11:23 a.m.