

HALIFAX WATER BOARD – ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Date: July 10, 2025

Meeting Time: 4:00 p.m.

Attendees:	Commissioner John MacPherson, Chair
	Commissioner Deagle-Gammon, Vice Chair
	Commissioner Patty Cuttell (left early)
	Commissioner Trish Purdy
	Commissioner Nancy MacLellan
	Commissioner Janet Steele
	Commissioner Cathy O’Toole (arrived late)
Regrets:	
Staff:	Kenda MacKenzie, General Manager/CEO
	Louis de Montbrun, Director, Corporate Services/CFO
	Ashely Kendall, Director, People and Culture
	Jeff Myrick, Senior Manager, Communications & Strategy
	Josh DeYoung, Director, Engineering & Capital Infrastructure
	Wendy Krkosek, Director, Environment, Health & Safety

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Agenda Items

CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:10 p.m.

AGENDA ITEMS

1. THE CHAIR’S OPENING REMARKS

The Chair introduced himself and welcomed the Commissioners and attendees to the 2025 Annual General Meeting of Halifax Water. He acknowledged that the meeting is being held on the ancestral and unceded territory of the Mi’kmaq people. The Chair recognized the accomplishments and challenges faced by the prior Chair of the Board, Colleen Rollings, and thanked her for her contributions during her tenure.

2. APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS AND APPROVAL OF ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS.

Discussion Notes	MOVED BY Commissioner Deagle Gammon, seconded by Commissioner Cuttell that the Halifax Regional Water Commission Board approve the order of business and approve additions and deletions.
Decision	MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE 2024 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING DATED JULY 11, 2024.

Discussion Notes	MOVED BY Commissioner Deagle Gammon, seconded by Commissioner Cuttell that the Halifax Regional Water Commission Board approve the minutes of the 2024 Annual General Meeting dated July 11, 2024.
Decision	MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

4. 2024/25 OVERVIEW

Discussion Notes	<p>Kenda MacKenzie gave an overview of the 2024/25 fiscal year. The presentation included the purpose and vision of Halifax Water, the four pillars that form the backbone of the organization, the corporate balanced scorecard, the responsibilities of the organization to the public as well as operational challenges, responses and transparency. The presentation also encompassed compliance and asset renewal, employee engagement and initiatives, community engagement and support, climate change programs, cyber security, and capital investments. Ms. MacKenzie reviewed the accomplishments of the 2024/25 fiscal year as well as the upcoming capital projects and business plan for the 2025/26 fiscal year. She concluded by thanking the employees of Halifax Water for all their hard work in the past year.</p>
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5. YEAR END FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR 2024/25

Discussion Notes	<p>Louis de Montbrun gave a review of the year-end financial results for 2024/25. The highlights included the anticipation of a clean audit opinion, the statement of financial position (assets and liabilities), and the operating results under IFRS and the NSRAB Handbook.</p>
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6. QUESTION AND ANSWER FORUM

Discussion Notes

Attending members of the public had inquiries related to chlorine, fluoride and additives to drinking water. A commitment was made to continue to follow up offline if necessary to address any unanswered questions post-AGM.

7. CHAIR'S CLOSING REMARKS

The Chair stated that aging infrastructure and rapid growth present ongoing challenges to the utility. The Chair stated that the General Manager and Executive Team are focused on continuing to ensure a high level of service. The Chair thanked the Board of Commissioners, the General Manager, the Executive Team, and all those who participated in the meeting as well as all those attending.

Minutes Recorded By:

Lorna Skinner, Governance Coordination Assistant