

2018 Meeting Date – 2019-2022 Budget Review**Report Purpose**

To propose an amendment to the 2018 Meeting Schedule to allow Council appropriate time to review the 2019-2022 budget package before beginning open deliberations.

Recommendation

THAT the November 9th and 14th Council budget meeting days be canceled; and that Administration provide notice of the change to Council and the public; and

THAT two additional Council budget meeting days be added on December 4th and December 6th; and that Administration provide notice of the additional days to Council and the public.

Council History

October 24, 2017 – Council approved the 2018 Meeting Dates Schedule for the period ending December 31, 2018

Strategic Plan Priority Areas

Economy: n/a

Governance: n/a

Social: n/a

Culture: n/a

Environment: n/a

Other Impacts

Policy: n/a

Legislative/Legal: Section 193 (3) of the Municipal Government Act provides that if council changes the date, time or place of a regularly scheduled meeting, the municipality must give at least 24 hours' notice of the change (a) to any councillors not present at the meetings at which the change was made, and (b) to the public.

Interdepartmental: Financial & Strategic Management Division

Summary

The transition to multi-year budgeting in this year's budget process will result in significantly more material for Council to review prior to deliberations. The proposed changes are intended to address potential concerns around adequate preparation time for Council before deliberating the budget.

Communication Plan

If approved by Council, the meeting date changes will be posted on the Strathcona County website as well as advertised in the Sherwood Park News.