

Cancellation of Council Meeting Date and Conducting Council Committee Meetings by Electronic Means**Report Purpose**

To seek Council approval on the cancellation of the April 27, 2020 Council meeting date, and on holding Council Committee meetings by electronic means.

Recommendation

THAT the April 27, 2020 Council meeting date be canceled and removed from the Council meeting schedule;

THAT an additional Council meeting date be added to the Council meeting schedule for May 25, 2020 with a start time of 9:00 a.m. with notice provided to Council and the public; and

THAT all Council Committees not convene in-person meetings and utilize technology to conduct meetings, until Friday, May 29, 2020.

Our Prioritized Strategic Goals

Governance Requirement

Report

In light of the delays to the CAO recruitment related to the Covid-19 response, the April 27, 2020 Council meeting date is no longer required and thus Administration is seeking Council approval to cancel this date. A new date for continuing the CAO recruitment will be scheduled as soon as possible.

On March 13, 2020, Council passed several motions related to precautions to help prevent the spread of the COVID-19 (coronavirus) and to help ensure our community's wellbeing.

At this time, all County Council advisory committee meetings were cancelled until April 21, 2020. For committees to fulfill their mandate and continue with their work, Administration recommends these precautions be lifted but to define that the Council Committees meet by electronic means until the end of May, with possible extension depending on recommendations restrictions or public health regulations from Alberta Health Services.

Council and Committee History

October 29, 2019 Council approved the 2020 meeting schedule.

March 13, 2020 Council approved - All County Council advisory committee meetings will be cancelled until April 21, 2020, at which time Council will consider whether to extend cancellations.

Other Impacts

Policy: n/a

Legislative/Legal: Section 196 of the Municipal Government Act provides the method of giving notice of a council meeting.

Interdepartmental: n/a

Master Plan/Framework: n/a

Communication Plan

Administration will update Council calendars and the public website.

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