

Council Budget Meeting Date Changes**Report Purpose**

To seek Council approval on changes to Council Budget meeting dates.

Recommendation

THAT the start time for the November 12, 2020 Council Budget date be changed from 9:00 am to 1:30 pm; and

THAT the November 20 and 25 Council Budget dates be cancelled;

THAT Council Budget dates be added on November 23, 2020 with a start time of 1:00 pm and November 30, 2020 with a start time of 9:00 am; and

THAT Administration provide notice of these changes to Council and the public.

Our Prioritized Strategic Goals

Governance Requirement

Report

Although the "Council Budget Meeting" is a single meeting, the deliberations take place over several days and for this reason Administration typically includes 5-7 days as "Council Budget meeting days" in the annual Council calendar.

Council received an introduction to the budget process on October 29, 2020, but the official Council Budget meeting starts on November 10, 2020. Further budget deliberations were scheduled as follows: November 12, 18, 20, 25, and December 3 (as required).

When Council received the introduction to the budget, a few Councillors identified scheduling conflicts with the adopted dates and requested that Administration provide some alternatives.

Administration's understanding is that Council wishes to change the start time of November 12th to 1:30 pm (rather than 9:00 am); cancel the November 20 and 25 dates; add November 23 (start time of 1pm) and add an additional day on November 30, 2020. Administration has provided this report and is seeking Council approval for the date and time changes.

Council and Committee History

October 29, 2019 Council approved the 2020 Council meeting dates.

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

Any changes to the dates will need to be updated in Council's calendar as well as on the public website and on any communications related to Council meetings.