

DRAFT RESOLUTION

Re: 2020 Council Meeting Schedule Changes

THAT the Pre-Budget Meeting of Council scheduled to be held on June 17, 2020 be rescheduled to September 10, 2020;

AND THAT Public Hearings and Tuesday Regular Meetings be held with applications scheduled for individual times and with start times as early as 4:00 pm until the Order of the Provincial Health Officer regarding Mass Gathering Events is lifted.

BACKGROUND:

The COVID-19 pandemic has created complex financial challenges for families, businesses, community organizations, and the City. Moving the annual Pre-Budget Council Meeting to September will allow for further consideration of Council priorities in response to the pandemic, including the financial implications. The timing of the 2021 Budget deliberations are not expected to be impacted by this change.

On April 20, 2020, Council directed staff to hold Public Hearings and Tuesday Regular Meetings with individually scheduled applications to better meet provincial public health guidelines and orders regarding the gathering of people. To accommodate the change in scheduling, the May 12, 2020 and June 2, 2020 Public Hearings and Regular Meetings started at 4:00 pm. Staff suggest Public Hearings and Tuesday Regular Meetings continue to be held in this manner until the provincial order regarding mass gatherings is lifted. Staff will continue to accept written and verbal correspondence until noon on the day of the Public Hearing or Regular Meeting and other physical distancing and public health measures will continue to be in place.

Date: June 1, 2020