

CITY OF HAMILTON

MOTION

Council: February 27, 2019

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR L. FERGUSON.....

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR.....

Changing the Time of Council Meetings

WHEREAS, Council does feel at present that the Council meetings held at 5:00 p.m., should be moved to an earlier time;

WHEREAS, an amendment to the time of Council meetings would constitute an amendment to the By-law to Govern the Proceedings of Council and Committees of Council;

WHEREAS, an amendment to the By-law to Govern the Proceedings of Council and Committees of Council requires that public notice be placed in the newspaper a minimum of 14 days prior to the Committee meeting; and

WHEREAS, Council has mandated the Governance Review Sub-Committee the task of making recommendations on matters pertaining to governance structure and the governing proceedings of Council and its' committees.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the following motion be referred to the Governance Review Sub-Committee for consideration:

- (a) That Section 3.2 of the By-law to Govern the Proceedings of Council and Committees of Council ***be amended*** to reflect a ***9:30 a.m.*** start time as follows:

3.2 Regular Council Meeting Times

- (1) Unless otherwise decided by Council, Regular Council meetings shall be held:

- (a) in January:

on the fourth Wednesday of the month, commencing at **9:30 a.m.** unless such day is a public or civic holiday, in which case Council shall set an alternate day and time;

(b) in February, April, May, June, September, October and November:

every second and fourth Wednesday of each month, commencing at **9:30 a.m.**, unless such day is a public or civic holiday, in which case Council shall set an alternate day and time;

(c) in March:

on the fourth Wednesday of the month, commencing at **9:30 a.m.** unless such day is a public or civic holiday, in which case Council shall set an alternate day and time;

(d) in July and August:

on a Friday of each month (one meeting per month), commencing at 9:30 a.m., unless such a day is a public or civic holiday, in which case Council shall set an alternate day and time;

(e) in December:

on the second Wednesday of the month, commencing at 9:30 a.m., unless such a day is a public or civic holiday, in which case Council shall set an alternative day and time; or

(f) in accordance with the schedule approved by Council.

(b) That the regular meetings of the City Council for the remainder of 2019, be held at 9:30 a.m.;

(c) That, from time to time, there may be a need for Special Council Meeting at 5:00 p.m. to accommodate a Ceremonial Activity where the individuals being recognized are unable to attend a meeting during the day; and

(d) That the required notice be placed in the newspaper a minimum of 14 days prior to the Audit, Finance & Administration Committee meeting when the amendment is to be considered.