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I ask the Governance Review sub-committee to reconsider the proposal to change the scheduled time of full Council meetings from 5 pm to 9.30 am.

It is important that Council meetings be as open and accessible as possible to the residents and ratepayers of Hamilton. In addition to web-streaming and other reporting, this includes facilitating in-person attendance. While no timing is without potential drawbacks, a later-afternoon/evening schedule will facilitate the widest possible attendance. In the event that a meeting continues beyond a reasonable hour (11 pm - midnight?), then it should be possible to adjourn and reconvene. I suspect that this would occur only rarely.

Thank you for your consideration -

Dr Patrick Carter