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To: [McRae, Angela](#); [VanderBeek, Arlene](#)
Subject: Moving Council meetings from 5:00 to 9:30 am.
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Dear Councillor VanderBeek and Angela McRae:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the motion to alter the time of meetings of Hamilton City Council.

With the greatest of respect, I believe that the status quo ought be preserved. Moving the meetings to 9:30 a.m. renders it very difficult for people to engage by attending council meetings. Coupled with the fact that meetings are not always available on either television or reliable streaming, at least not in an any official capacity, means that meetings are less accessible to citizens.

I would implore you to keep the meeting times when they are in the name of access to local democracy.

Rich Gelder

Value kindness.