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To: The Governance Review Sub-Committee

The proposal or exploration of changing the time of council meetings appears to me to be a move away from public engagement.

Please note that it contravenes "Hamilton's Public Engagement Charter" including;

- Principle #4 states an obligation to "create opportunities for active participation"
- Principle #8 acknowledges the requirement for "capacity for engagement".

Moving council meetings to an early workday morning is effectively disenfranchising working people who comprise a considerable segment of the population of the City of Hamilton.

Please do not amend By-Law 18-270

Sincerely

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