

Committee of the Whole (1) Report

DATE: Tuesday, October 3, 2023

WARD(S): ALL

TITLE: 2024 SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

FROM:

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ACTION: DECISION

Purpose

To seek Council's approval of the 2024 Schedule of Meetings for the City of Vaughan's Council and Standing Committees. Upon adoption, meetings will be posted on the City's website and will be the primary means of advising the public of the times and dates of meetings of Council and Standing Committees.

Report Highlights

- This report is to seek approval for the Council and Standing Committee meeting schedule for 2024.
- Monthly meetings have been structured on a three-week cycle, with some variations occurring due to scheduling conflicts.

Recommendations

1. That the 2024 Schedule of Meetings be adopted in accordance with the calendar as set out in Attachment 1; and
2. That the City Clerk be authorized to amend the schedule by changing the time and/or date of a scheduled meeting or cancelling meetings that are not required, subject to posting such amendments on the City's website in accordance with the Procedure By-law.

Background

The 2024 Schedule of meetings has been structured based on a monthly three-week cycle. It takes into consideration statutory holidays, significant faith days and Regional Council and Committee meetings. The schedule has been prepared with a dual

Committee of the Whole meeting structure which was approved by Council in June 2019 and in accordance with the Procedure By-law 7-2011, as amended.

Previous Reports/Authority

N/A

Analysis and Options

Committee and Council meetings have been scheduled with every effort being made to avoid meetings on significant faith and cultural days, which Council and staff have been made aware of. The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Conference scheduled from June 6-9, 2024; the Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO) Conference scheduled from June 9 - 12, 2024; and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) Conference scheduled from August 18-21, 2024 have also been considered in preparing the schedule. In keeping with past practice, the schedule has been structured to avoid the negative impacts of stacking three committee meetings on one day.

Committee and Council meetings have been scheduled in July and August to meet new legislative timelines. The 2024 Budget meetings are usually scheduled in November and December, and will be scheduled later, closer to the meeting dates.

Special Council (Closed Session) Education Sessions have been scheduled quarterly, based on an “if required” basis.

Deviations to the Schedule

Some deviations have been made to the structure of the schedule to accommodate statutory holidays and significant faith days.

Some of the significant changes are noted below:

January	Due to statutory holidays, the January meeting cycle starts on the fourth week of the month to allow time for the production and preparation of agenda materials.
February	Council is scheduled on a Wednesday instead of Tuesday to accommodate a statutory holiday on Monday.
March	To accommodate the March Break, there are no meetings scheduled the week of March 11-15, 2024. CW (2) has been scheduled on the third week of the month with Council scheduled the following week.

April	Due to statutory holidays, the April meeting cycle starts on the second week of the month and Council is scheduled on Monday to accommodate a significant religious holiday.
May	Council is scheduled on a Wednesday instead of Tuesday to accommodate a statutory holiday on Monday.
June	To accommodate the FCM Conference, the AMCTO Conference and significant religious holidays, the June CW (2) and CW (CS) have been scheduled on the third week with Council scheduled the following week.
July	A Committee of the Whole (Public Meeting) has been scheduled to meet new legislative timelines.
August	A Committee of the Whole (1), a Council meeting and a Committee of the Whole (Public Meeting) meeting have been scheduled to meet new legislative timelines.
September	Due to a statutory holiday, the September meeting cycle starts on the second week of the month to allow time for the production and preparation of agenda materials.
October	Due to statutory holidays, the October CW (2) and CW (CS) meetings have been scheduled on the third week with Council scheduled the following week.

Financial Impact

There is no financial impact related to the approval of the recommendations in this report.

Operational Impact

No operational impact is expected.

Broader Regional Impacts/Considerations

At the time of writing this report, the Regional Council and Committee meeting schedule is not yet available, although, meetings have not been scheduled on Thursdays to avoid conflict with the scheduling of Regional meetings.

Conclusion

The 2024 Committee and Council meeting schedule is provided for adoption. It has been prepared in accordance with the Council-adopted Committee structure, the Procedure By-law, statutory holidays and significant faith days.

For more information, please contact: Todd Coles, City Clerk, Extension 8281.

Attachment

1. 2024 Schedule of Meetings Calendar

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