

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MARCH 23, 2010

REVISED COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE FOR THE OFFICIAL PLAN

Recommendation

The Director of Policy Planning in consultation with the Commissioner of Planning recommends:

- 1) That the 2010 Schedule of Meetings be reconsidered for the purpose set out in this report;
- 2) That the Committee of the Whole (Public Hearing) meeting of May 3, 2010 be rescheduled as a Statutory Open House; and
- 3) That the Special Committee of the Whole meeting of June 14, 2010 be rescheduled as a Committee of the Whole (Public Hearing), starting at 6:00 p.m.

Contribution to Sustainability

N/A

Economic Impact

N/A

Communications Plan

The 2010 Schedule of Meetings will be posted on the City's web site, and the new times will be reflected in affected Agendas. Stakeholders will be notified of the various public meetings by mail, e-mail, on the City's web site and through print media.

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to:

- a) Explain the basis for the recommended modifications to the 2010 Schedule of Meetings; and
- b) To modify the calendar of Council and Committee meetings.

Background - Analysis and Options

Council, at its meeting of Feb. 16, 2010, considered the report from the Feb. 2, 2010 Committee of the Whole (Item 4, Report #5) regarding modifications to the 2010 Schedule of Meetings, and added the following meetings:

1. Committee of the Whole (Public Hearing) meeting on May 3, 2010,
2. Committee of the Whole (Public Hearing) meeting on May 17, 2010; and
3. Special Committee of the Whole meeting on June 14, 2010.

Subsequently, on Feb. 19, 2010, the Official Plan Review Committee met and discussed the status of the new Official Plan. Staff were directed to review the public process and advise of any required adjustments to the project schedule to ensure timely completion of the new Official Plan. With adjustments to the schedule, the new Official Plan could be considered at the scheduled Committee of the Whole meeting of July 6, 2010.

The Planning Act requires municipalities to hold statutory public open houses preceding public hearings to consider changes to their Official Plans. Consequently, it is considered appropriate to use the May 3, 2010 date to schedule an open house for the City-wide policies for the new Official Plan on May 3, 2010, preceding the public hearing for City-wide policies on May 17, 2010.

For the secondary plans resulting from the focused area studies, open houses have already been planned for five evenings in April (April 7, 12, 14, 19, 22). These will be statutory open houses. Subsequently, these secondary plans require consideration at a Committee of the Whole (Public Hearing). Therefore it is recommended that the June 14, 2010 date originally scheduled for a Special Committee of the Whole be scheduled as a Public Hearing for these secondary plans. In order to allow sufficient time for the presentation of the study work and official plan amendments, and public input it is recommended that the Public Hearing start at 6:00 p.m.

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2020/Strategic Plan

This report is consistent with the priorities previously set by Council, in particular "Demonstrate Leadership and Promote Effective Governance".

Regional Implications

There is no Regional implication.

Conclusion

The 2010 meeting schedule is proposed to be revised to enable the public meeting requirements of the Planning Act to be satisfied pursuant to completion of the City's new Official Plan. It is requested that Council approve the recommended changes to the 2010 Schedule of Meetings.

Attachments

None.

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