

Dear Mr. Mayor and City Councillors,

RE Agenda Item 7.2

I have two things to say.

1. If you approve the **revised** staff recommendation in which the meeting days are changed while the start times remain the same **except during Ramadan**, I ask that you withdraw the following referral motion that you passed at the July 4<sup>th</sup>'s Committee of the Whole (COW) meeting:

*That the scheduled times of future Council meetings beginning November 1, 2022 be referred back to staff for public consultation and comparator/best practice review, and that the results be brought back to the Governance committee during Q1 of the 2023 term of the new Council.*

It would be a waste of staff time and resources to do this work for such a minor change in the meeting schedules.

2. People start to fade between 9 and 10 pm during council meetings. Council planning meetings attract many delegates who often speak for 10 minutes about planning applications. Our growing city will be receiving more and more planning applications. For these reasons alone, it is clear that **council planning meetings** will have to start earlier than 6 pm in the near future. I suggest that council planning meetings start at 4 pm, a start time that was suggested at July 4<sup>th</sup>'s COW meeting. After a year, the effectiveness of an earlier start time might then be evaluated.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter,

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