
Subject: Rescheduling of November 11 Standing Committee Meetings

Report to: Corporate Services Committee

Report date: Wednesday, June 17, 2020

Recommendations

1. That the Corporate Services Committee and Planning and Economic Development Committee meetings scheduled for Wednesday, November 11, 2020 **BE RESCHEDULED** to Monday, November 9, 2020, in recognition of Remembrance Day.

Key Facts

- The purpose of this report is to seek approval to change the November 11 Standing Committee meetings.
- The 2020 Legislative Schedule of Regular Meetings was approved by Regional Council on September 17, 2019.
- Due to an oversight, Corporate Services Committee and Planning and Economic Development Committee meetings were scheduled on November 11 which is Remembrance Day.
- In honour of the significance of Remembrance Day and in order to allow Regional Councillors to attend Remembrance Day services in their local communities, it has been deemed appropriate to request Committee's consideration to reschedule the meetings that were to take place on November 11.

Financial Considerations

There are no financial considerations associated with this report as the meetings will continue to be held.

Analysis

At its meeting held on September 17, 2019, Regional Council approved the 2020 Legislative Schedule of Regular Meetings. Unfortunately, due to an oversight, meetings were scheduled on November 11, which is Remembrance Day. Some Councillors have expressed concern that they would not be able to attend these scheduled meetings due to their participation at Remembrance Day services in their local communities.

In order for the items from these Committees meetings to be included on the November 19 Council agenda to be approved and ratified, these meetings would need to be rescheduled sometime during the week of November 9.

Staff considered options to accommodate these meetings on another date. As November 12 has tentatively been identified for a Budget Review Committee of the Whole meeting, it was felt that rescheduling the meetings to November 12 would not be a viable option given that in addition to two meetings during the day there could also be an evening meeting.

Should Committee wish to consider holding the meetings on Friday, November 13, the minutes from these meetings would not be included in the initial issuance of the Council agenda which would take place on Friday, November 13. They would instead be included on the addendum agenda.

Alternatives Reviewed

Committee could decide to cancel the Standing Committee meetings scheduled on November 11; however, at this point in time there is no way of knowing if there will be any time sensitive agenda items that will need to be considered at those meetings. Should Committee wish to cancel the November 11 meetings, any time sensitive items could be placed directly on the agenda for the Regional Council meeting being held on November 19.

Committee could consider an alternate day on which to hold the Committee meetings.

Relationship to Council Strategic Priorities

As this is a matter of scheduling, it is not related to any of Council's Strategic Priorities.

Other Pertinent Reports

None.

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Appendices

None.