

Council Strategic and Regular Meeting Schedule Changes

During the 2007 Retreat, Council requested a change to the Council and Committee of the Whole meeting format to allow for more informal strategy sessions. These sessions would give more opportunity for Council to develop a consensus on issues and provide greater opportunities to get information out to the public in advance of the more formal Council meetings. This is achieved by adding a Strategic Committee meeting twice a month. The other weeks will alternate on a monthly basis between the City Manager's new Success Factors meeting, the Public Safety Committee and the Audit, Finance and Personnel Committee. All meetings will be open unless Council resolves to go into closed session under the authority of section 90 of the Community Charter. Council meetings will also move from Monday to Tuesday.

This move creates the following opportunities and challenges:

- ... provides Council additional preparation time for meetings.
- ... reporting in the media will be moved to Fridays which will provide Press with an additional day to report.
- ... Increases the number of meetings by about 5 per year by reducing the number of meetings that are cancelled due to conflicts with Statutory Holidays.

Council has initiated this revised schedule which includes additional meetings to accommodate the increased workload of a community facing the challenges of growth.

The new Council Procedure Bylaw is proposed to take effect February 1, 2007 which provides for the Public Notice provisions of the Community Charter.

VISION 2025

The Vision 2025 Select Committee has now had the opportunity to review in detail the information presented by the public through the workshops and public representation and have channeled these into developing values and priorities for the City, culminating in an 8-point vision utilizing the City's existing motto "*Enriched by Land and Sea.*"



Economic prosperity
Natural environment
Recreation
Inclusivity and diversity
Culture and heritage
Health and safety
Excellence in Local Government
Dynamic families

The Vision 2025 Select Committee has forwarded the final draft vision document to all individuals, businesses and organizations that participated in the process, asking for any comments to bring back to Council for discussion before ratification and inclusion as a chapter of the Official Community Plan.