

Staff Report

Report To: City Council

Report From: Briana Bloomfield, City Clerk

Meeting Date: July 9, 2018

Report Code: CR-18-096

Subject: 2018 Election Report #4 – Change to Council Meeting Calendar

Recommendations:

That in consideration of Staff Report CR-18-096 respecting the fourth 2018 election report respecting a change to the Council Meeting Calendar, City Council directs staff to update the Council Meeting Calendar as follows:

1. Remove the October 15, 2018 Council meeting;
2. Move the September 24, 2018 Council meeting to October 1, 2018;
3. Remove the Tom Thomson Art Gallery Advisory Committee meeting on October 1, 2018; and
4. Update the Council Meeting Calendar if the Tom Thomson Art Gallery Advisory Committee determines a new date and/or time for their October meeting.

Strategic Initiative:

Strengthening our community through sound leadership.

Background:

This is the fourth report being presented to Council respecting the 2018 municipal election.

Although the Clerk is responsible for conducting municipal elections, Council is the approval authority where issues require authorization by by-law. No by-law is required for this report, but direction is being sought.

Analysis:

The voting period for the 2018 municipal election is from October 12, 2018 until October 22, 2018. There is a City Council meeting scheduled for October 15, 2018, which is during the voting period.

It is staff's recommendation that the October 15, 2018 Council meeting be cancelled to ensure fairness in the campaign process during the voting period. Staff also recommends that the September 24, 2018 Council meeting be moved to October 1, 2018 so that there is not a huge break between Council meetings.

The Tom Thomson Art Gallery Advisory Committee has a meeting scheduled for October 1, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. Should Council approve the above noted change, it would require the Tom Thomson Art Gallery Advisory Committee to either cancel or change their meeting.

Attached to this report is the current Council meeting calendar as well as the suggested revised Council Meeting Calendar for review.

Financial/Budget Implications:

None.

Communication Strategy:

Staff and the public will be notified of any changes to the Council Meeting Calendar through the City's website and social media.

The Tom Thomson Art Gallery Advisory Committee will be notified of any changes.

Consultation:

Directors and Deputy Clerks

Attachments:

1. Current Council Meeting Calendar
2. Revised Council Meeting Calendar

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