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**To: Members of Council**

**From: Mayor Letham (on behalf of Executive Committee)**

**Date: March 20th, 2018**

**Subject: Scheduling of Council and Committee Meetings (2018-2022 Council Term)**

## **Background**

The City of Kawartha Lakes Council has decided to change the way we do business. We are reducing the size of council, and increasing the area of responsibility for each councillor. We have restructured compensation to reflect changes to a council member's scope of work. We are changing the dynamic and structure of council and have publicly stated that we are trying to expand opportunities to attract new people to represent their communities and all residents through local government.

Our Strategic Plan establishes a goal of "Municipal Service Excellence", and states, ... "enhance communications and citizen accessibility to government services".

Considering the information above, at the March 1, 2018 Executive Committee meeting, I brought forward for discussion consideration for scheduling certain Council meetings in the evening.

As a result, the Executive Committee passed the following motion:

**That** the Mayor bring forward a memorandum to Council on behalf of Executive Committee, regarding the scheduling of Council and committee meetings for the next term of council.

**That** three options be presented for Council consideration:

- 1) Status Quo (continue with daytime meetings as currently scheduled).
- 2) Evening Regular Council meetings (committees and special meetings would remain as currently scheduled).
- 3) All regular and special council meetings, as well as certain committee meetings of Council, be scheduled in the evening.

**That** Report CLK2015-019, previously circulated and adopted by Council, be included with the memorandum.

**That** consideration be given by the future Council to review this after 2 years.

**That** these options be forwarded to Council for consideration and discussion.

### **Rationale**

I have received several comments from residents and constituents to consider night meetings. The rationale provided includes:

- Opportunity to potentially attract candidates that would not run otherwise (employment schedules, childcare commitments, etc); and
- Access for the public to attend Council meetings could be enhanced through the scheduling of evening meetings.

### **Recommendations to Council**

**That** the memorandum from Mayor Letham, on behalf of the Executive Committee, and dated March 20 2018 be received;

**That** Option 2, Regular Council meetings be scheduled in the evening, with committee and special council meetings remaining as currently scheduled, effective the next term of Council (2018-2022);

**That** Council review meeting scheduling in 2020; and,

**That** the necessary by-law amendment(s) be brought forward to Council before the end of Q2 2018 for approval.

### **Attachment: Report CLK 2015-019**



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