



City of Richmond

Report to Committee

To General Purposes - Sep 15, 2008

To: General Purposes Committee

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From: David Weber
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Re: **Re-Scheduling of October 14, 2008 Regular Council Meeting Due to Federal Election**

Staff Recommendation

1. That the regular open and closed Council meetings scheduled for Tuesday, October 14, 2008 be re-scheduled to the same times on Wednesday, October 15, 2008 to accommodate the Federal General Election.
2. That the Community Safety Committee meeting, scheduled for Wednesday, October 15, 2008 be re-scheduled to 4:00 pm on Wednesday, October 8, 2008.

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CONCURRENCE OF GENERAL MANAGER		
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REVIEWED BY CAO	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>

Staff Report

Origin

Due to the recently called Federal General Election, it would be appropriate to consider re-scheduling the regular open and closed Council meetings of Tuesday, October 14, 2008.

Analysis

Re-scheduling the open and closed Council meetings to another night would be more convenient and appropriate for the regular viewing public and would also be more convenient in terms of allowing staff and council members enough time to vote, participate in and watch the federal election returns on election night. This has been Council's practice in the past when a regular Council meeting happened to fall on the same night as a federal or provincial general election. Re-scheduling the meeting would also facilitate the City's statutory obligation as an employer to provide 3 clear hours for employees for the purposes of voting in the election.

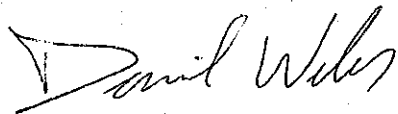
If the Council meetings are re-scheduled to the next day - Wednesday, October 15, 2008 - then a consequential change would also need to be made to the Community Safety Committee meeting schedule. The suggested date and time for the re-scheduled Community Safety Committee meeting is 4:00 pm on Wednesday, October 8, 2008. This suggestion was generally agreed upon at the most recent Community Safety Committee meeting.

Financial Impact

None.

Conclusion

In accordance with past practice, the regular open and closed Council meetings of Tuesday, October 14, 2008, should be re-scheduled to accommodate participation in the federal election process for the public, staff and council members. If Council agrees with this re-scheduling, the appropriate notices will be posted to advise the public.



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