

Report to: General Committee Date Report Authored: May 25, 2015

SUBJECT: PREPARED BY:

Request for Additional GC and DSC Meetings in June

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RECOMMENDATION:

1) That the report entitled "Request for Additional GC and DSC Meetings in June" be received, and

- 2) That an additional General Committee (GC) meeting be scheduled for Monday, June 22, 2015 from 1:00 5:00 p.m.; and
- 3) That an additional Development Services Committee (DSC) meeting be scheduled for Tuesday, June 23, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. 2:00 p.m.;
- 4) That any items from the GC and DSC meetings requiring ratification by Council be brought forward at the June 23, 2015 Council meeting;
- 5) That should any additional meetings be required during the summer months the usual meeting notice requirements and communication process be utilized; and further
- That Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

PURPOSE:

To request that one additional GC and one additional DSC meeting be scheduled in June prior to Council's summer recess.

BACKGROUND:

With the upcoming summer recess anticipated to begin after the regularly scheduled Council meeting on June 23, 2015, it is recommended that an additional GC and DSC meeting be scheduled in order to provide Council Members and the public with the appropriate amount of time to consider significant items of interest. At the May 19th DSC meeting at least four items had to be deferred to the next DSC meeting due to time constraints. Items planned for GC in June may also require significant time to consider thus requiring deferral of other items on the agenda. Having these items approved by Council prior to the summer recess will allow staff to proceed with projects throughout the summer months.

OPTIONS/ DISCUSSION:

Currently there are no GC or DSC meetings scheduled the week of June 22, 2015, nor are there any significant religious holidays on the proposed dates, thus allowing an opportunity to schedule a meeting on the Monday and Tuesday of that week (prior to the

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regularly scheduled Council meeting on the night of Tuesday, June 23, 2015). Currently there is a Markham Centre Sub-committee meeting scheduled for the morning of Monday, June 22, 2015 thus the GC meeting is proposed to start at 1:00 pm in the afternoon on that date. Upon approval of the additional meeting dates, meeting invites will be sent to attendees using the usual process.

Notice of the additional meetings will be communicated using our standard protocol, involving publication in the Markham Economist & Sun and on the City's webpage and agendas will be produced and distributed in the normal fashion.

Any items that require ratification by Council will be brought forward to the June 23, 2015 regularly scheduled Council meeting.

It is possible that additional GC and DSC meetings may be required throughout the summer months of July and August to address specific issues. All notice and agenda protocols will be followed should the necessity arise.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS AND TEMPLATE: (external link) None.

HUMAN RESOURCES CONSIDERATIONS

Any additional GC and DSC meetings will be staffed by Clerks as usual.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

This report supports the Strategic Priority of providing quality service and excellence in Municipal Services.

BUSINESS UNITS CONSULTED AND AFFECTED:

Commissioners from all three Commissions have been consulted.

RECOMMENDED BY:

Kimberley Kitteringham, City Clerk

ATTACHMENTS:

None.