

TO: CITY MANAGER

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FROM: CITY CLERK

**SUBJECT: 2000 COUNCIL, COMMITTEE MEETING AND PUBLIC
HEARING SCHEDULES**

PURPOSE: The purpose of this report is to set the Council, Committee meeting and Public Hearing schedules for 2000.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT Council approve the Council, Committee meeting and Public Hearing schedules for 2000 as set out in this report.

REPORT

In previous years it has been customary for Council to set regular meeting dates for Council and Committee meetings for the coming year. This process has been further refined by the recent amendments to the Municipal Act under Bill 88. This report and the preparation of Council and Committee meeting calendars are now part of the public notification process for Council and Committee meetings.

The attached schedules try to avoid conflicts of date and time and facilitate the use of the Council Chambers for more Committee meetings in order to accommodate public attendance at meetings.

In 1994 Council adopted a policy with respect to holding three Council meetings per month, meeting on an alternating basis twice per month during July and August, holding special closed meetings from which the public is excluded (formerly referred to as 'In Camera') at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Committee Room, not holding committee meetings in July and August and establishing bi-monthly schedules for the Finance and Economic Development Committee, Executive Committee, Community Issues and Social Planning Committee and Bicycle Advisory Committee. This policy has now been incorporated into a new Procedure Bylaw (appearing elsewhere on this agenda for three readings) in conjunction with the requirements of Bill 88. Consideration has also been given to avoid conflict with the FCM and UBCM annual conferences. It is recognized that adopting this report does not preclude Council from adopting future resolutions in accordance with the new Procedure Bylaw to add or cancel meetings as the year progresses.

Public Hearings proposed in this report for February, April, June, August, October and December 2000 will deal with the most recent group of rezoning applications forwarded for consideration under the usual bi-monthly reporting schedule. The Public Hearing dates in January, March, May, July, September and November would be available for other cases such as those previously being processed, and if it is found unnecessary to hold a Public Hearing in these months, the scheduled hearing may be canceled.

Council have in the past approved consideration of special Public Hearings for specific rezoning requests that have not corresponded to the scheduled dates. Unless otherwise directed, the Planning and Building Department will pursue consideration of similar extraordinary cases that may occur in the coming year, as required.

Respectfully submitted,



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