

Staff Report

Report To: Council Meeting

From: Jana Nethercott, Clerk

Date: 2021-11-18

Subject: 2022 Council & Committee Meeting Dates

Recommendation:

That West Elgin Council hereby receives the report from Jana Nethercott, Clerk re: 2022 Council Meeting Dates; and

That West Elgin Council hereby approves the Council and Committee meeting dates as presented.

Purpose:

The purpose of this report is to set dates for Council and some committee meetings for the 2022 calendar year.

Background:

Staff have compiled a calendar for 2022 for the Regular Meetings of Council, Committee of the Whole meetings for Budget as well as statutory holidays and election related dates.

With 2022 being an election year, there are some minor changes to the traditional schedule. The August meeting is traditionally the third week of August, but that would put the meeting the day before the final date for filing nomination papers and so staff have moved it to the second Thursday, which also allows for a meeting on the fourth Thursday should one be needed for planning issues. Also, October dates have switched to the first and third Thursday to accommodate two meetings and avoid having a council meeting three days after an election, which would be impossible for staff to pull off.

The final day for this term of Council is Monday November 14, 2022, with the new Council term starting on November 15, 2022 as per the latest amendment to the *Municipal Elections Act* and the Inaugural Council meeting, is scheduled for November 17, 2022 at 7 pm. This is a mainly ceremonial meeting, with the taking of the Oaths of Office and formal pictures.

Also tentatively scheduled on the calendar are the dates for Voting Help Centres for advanced voting and training dates for new the new Council after the election. These training dates may not all be required, depending on the make up the next Council, however as they are technically public meetings, its best to be transparent with the training dates.