

Recommendation:

That the Clerk's Office report 2024-19, dated September 17, 2024, regarding the schedule of the Regular Council meeting in 2025 and the proposed draft schedule for the Committee of the Whole meetings in 2025, be received and approved.

Overview:

Section 3.2 of the Procedural By-law states that "The Clerk shall, by November 30th of each calendar year, submit a schedule of the upcoming meetings for each Council year for consideration and adoption by the Council." Staff have prepared the proposed meeting schedule for the 2025 regular council meetings as required by the Procedural By-law based on the schedule from years past. By adopting this schedule ahead of the year, it makes it easier to inform our ratepayers through our website and newsletter.

Additionally, Council has previously expressed interest in changing the Committee of the Whole (COW) meeting day from Tuesday to Wednesday. If Council wishes to proceed with this change, staff will require direction from Council to draft a By-law to amend Section 19.4 of the Procedural By-law for Council approval at the next meeting.

Attached to this report is the draft schedule for Regular Council meetings in 2025 and further there is a proposed draft schedule for Committee of the Whole meetings in 2025 with the meetings moved to Wednesday instead of Tuesday.

The staff have reviewed the 2025 County Council schedule to ensure that there are no conflicts with the Committee of the Whole meetings.

Conclusion:

By providing the 2025 Council meeting schedule in advance, both Council and the public can plan for the meetings in 2025 which adds transparency and increased public engagement.

Financial Impact: None

Service Modernization and Innovation
Modernizing, refining and innovating services for residents is essential to effectively meet the needs of our community, enhance our operational efficiency, and ensure we remain adaptable in a rapidly changing world.

Business Attraction, Expansion, and Retention
Business attraction, expansion, and retention is vital for the economic health and sustainability of our Township, such as job creation, tax revenue, investing in innovation, maintaining our quality of life, and supporting community stability.

Infrastructure Renewal
Infrastructure renewal is a critical investment for our Township as it will ensure our adherence to health and safety, economic development, investment attraction, environmental sustainability, quality of life, public confidence, and regional competitiveness.

Report Approval Details

Document Title:	2025 Regular Council Meeting Schedule.docx
Attachments:	- 2025 Schedule Council Date.docx - Proposed 2025 COW Meeting Schedule.docx
Final Approval Date:	Sep 12, 2024

This report and all of its attachments were approved and signed as outlined below:

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