

THE MUNICIPALITY OF LAMBTON SHORES

Report CL 17-2023

Council Meeting Date: November 28, 2023

TO: Mayor Cook and Members of Council
FROM: Stephanie Troyer-Boyd, Director of Corporate Services
RE: 2024 Committee of the Whole Meeting Schedule

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Report CL 17-2023 regarding the Quarterly Committee of the Whole Meeting schedule be received; and

THAT the 2024 Committee of the Whole meetings be scheduled at 5:00 pm on the following dates:
April 16, July 9 and October 8, 2024.

SUMMARY

To present Council with proposed dates for quarterly operational reports at separate Committee of the Whole (COW) meetings.

BACKGROUND

Quarterly Committee of the Whole meetings were implemented in 2022 to receive and discuss quarterly operational reports at a meeting separate from regular Council meetings to allow less formal discussion. In 2023, staff also utilized COW meetings to provide Council with an opportunity to discuss focused topics such as the future of the Forest Industrial Lands and a fulsome Vibrancy Fund Review. These discussions were productive and purposeful and allowed staff to work toward Council priorities on these matters.

The Committee of the Whole meeting gives Council and staff an opportunity to engage in dialogue regarding these reports than what is afforded in the regular Council meeting setting due as other important business tends to take precedence over the quarterly reports. Any recommendations by the Committee of the Whole will be brought forward to a subsequent Council meeting for approval.

Staff suggest the discussion contained in a 4th quarter financial report is covered during the subsequent year budget meetings. For 2024, the following Committee of the Whole meetings dates are proposed:

April 16th, July 9th and October 8th

ALTERNATIVES TO CONSIDER

Council could revert to having the quarterly operational reports included as part of the regular Council meetings. Council could also set the date and times and any future Committee of the Whole meetings at their discretion.

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

Staff recommend that the dates for the 2024 Committee of the Whole meetings be approved.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Neither staff nor Council are paid on a per meeting basis, so there is no direct financial impact to have an additional Committee of the Whole meeting.

CONSULTATION

Lambton Shores Senior Management Team