

NEWS RELEASE

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Change to Start Time of Council Meetings

City of Parksville Council meeting times are changing from evenings to afternoons beginning at the next scheduled meeting on November 18. Council passed a motion at the November 4 meeting to switch the time to 2 pm (from 6 pm) on a trial basis until the end of 2019 when this decision will be reviewed.

Council will continue to meet on the first and third Monday of each month. If Monday is a holiday, meetings are scheduled to Wednesday. Council meetings including budget meetings for the remainder of 2019 will be as follows. Please note, all meetings will be held at 2 pm.

| November 18 | Council meeting |
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| December 2 | Council meeting |
| December 3 | Budget meeting |
| December 10 | Budget meeting |
| December 16 | Council meeting |

Public hearings can be scheduled at any time and do not need to be at the same time as a Council meeting. If not able to attend, comments may be submitted in writing in order to provide input to Council. Meetings are webstreamed live and archived to view at another time.

Council provided a number of reasons for this change such as - by moving the meetings to earlier in the day, some cost savings will be realized with less security hours and staff overtime. Some residents have expressed concern with attending late night meetings during winter months and safety of staff leaving the building late at night is also a factor. As well, there may be reduced cost for development applicants who have professionals such as architects and engineers attend meetings on their behalf.

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