



City of
Peterborough

To: Members of the General Committee

From: John Kennedy, City Clerk

Meeting Date: October 20, 2025

Report: 2026 Meeting Schedule, Report LSCLK25-020

Subject

A report to adopt the 2026 meeting schedule.

Recommendation

That Council approve the recommendation outlined in Report LSCLK25-020, dated October 20, 2025 of the City Clerk as follows:

That Council approve the 2026 Council meeting schedule, attached as Appendix A to the report.

Executive Summary

- As 2026 is an election year, there are no meetings scheduled in October or November. The date of the municipal election is October 26, with the Council being inaugurated on November 19, 2026. The first General Committee meeting will be held on Monday, November 30, and the first council meeting will be December 7, 2026.
- The 2026 schedule proposes a Council meeting the week following each General Committee meeting, on a recurring basis.
- The 2027 Draft Budget will be presented to General Committee on November 30, 2026. The public meeting for the budget and the detailed budget discussions are anticipated to be held in early to mid-January 2027. These dates will be confirmed in 2026.

Background

Each year the City Clerk prepares a schedule of Council meetings and brings it to Council for approval. The proposed 2026 schedule of Council meetings is attached as Appendix A to this report. There are no meetings planned for the month of July. Each General Committee meeting is proposed to be followed by a Council meeting, which allows decisions to be implemented in a more efficient manner. There will be a one-week break before the cycle continues.

Thursday, March 26, 2026 is proposed to be a day-long meeting of Council for education purposes. The meeting would involve departmental updates and other relevant information for Council's knowledge. The Civic Awards are proposed to be held on May 21, 2026. Having the awards in May will reduce the number of meetings and busy schedule in June. The 2026 AMO conference is scheduled for the week of August 17th. No meetings are proposed during that week.

As the municipal election is October 26, 2026, staff recommend there be no meetings scheduled in October. The new term of Council starts November 15, 2026. The inauguration of the new Council is proposed to be schedule for November 19th and orientation for members of Council on November 26th.

The first meeting of Council is proposed to be held on November 30th. At this General Committee meeting the draft 2027 budget would be presented to Council and the public. Public input on the draft budget and the detailed budget discussions would occur in January 2027.

Strategic Plan

Strategic Pillar: Governance & Fiscal Sustainability

Strategic Initiative: Adopting a 2026 meeting schedule provide accountable and transparent corporate governance that supports the needs of the community.

Engagement and Consultation

The 2026 meeting schedule was reviewed with staff amongst various departments.

Budget and Financial Implications

There are no budget or financial implications with this report.

Attachment

Appendix A: Proposed 2026 Council Meeting Schedule

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