



Report to Council

To: Mayor and Council Members
From: Judy Everett
Date: August 18, 2026
Subject: Proposed 2027 Budget Meeting Dates

Recommendation:

That Council approve the suggested 2027 Budget Meeting dates as follows:

Special Capital Forecast Meeting	Thursday, November 19, 2026
Special Budget Meeting #1	Thursday, December 17, 2026
Special Budget Meeting #2 (tentative)	Thursday, January 28, 2027

Background:

It has been desirous to complete the annual budget deliberations in the fall prior to the upcoming budget year. In order for staff to prepare the proper documentation for the above mentioned meetings, Council is required to set meeting dates.

Analysis:

Section 290 (1) of the Municipal Act states:

Yearly budget, local municipalities

290 (1) For each year, a local municipality shall, in the year or the immediately preceding year, prepare and adopt a budget including estimates of all sums required during the year for the purposes of the municipality, including,

- (a) amounts sufficient to pay all debts of the municipality falling due within the year;
- (b) amounts required to be raised for sinking funds or retirement funds; and
- (c) amounts required for any board, commission or other body. 2001, c. 25, s. 290 (1); 2006, c. 32, Sched. A, s. 120 (1).



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Exception

(1.1) Despite subsection (1), a budget for a year immediately following a year in which a regular election is held, may only be adopted in the year to which the budget applies. 2006, c. 32, Sched. A, s. 120 (2).

Although we anticipate that the 2027 budget will be passed in the beginning of the 2027 year, staff feel that it would be prudent to begin deliberations in the Fall of 2026. During the Capital Forecast meeting, items are discussed but not approved by Council. Council directs staff to either include or not include them in the first draft budget. Council then has the option to direct staff to maintain, add, or delete these items during the budget meetings.

Dates being proposed for these meetings are:

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Financial Implications:

None.

Strategic and/or Other Plans:

1. Infrastructure – Investments in Municipal Infrastructure
 - 1.1 Ensure that existing infrastructure is sustained prior to expanding and/or investing in new infrastructure, reflective of the Asset Management Plan (AMP)
3. Governance – Maintain a Strong, Accountable Municipal Government
 - 3.1 Maintain policies and processes that enable effective governance
 - 3.2 Provide Quality Community Programs and Services
 - 3.3 Provide effective, clear and transparent Township communication

In Consultation With:

Shannon Hunter, Chief Administrative Officer

Attachment:

None