

DATE OF MEETING DECEMBER 4, 2023
 AUTHORED BY JESSICA VANDERHOEF, STENO COORDINATOR
SUBJECT 2024 ACTING MAYOR SCHEDULE

OVERVIEW

Purpose of Report

To present for Council’s consideration the draft 2024 Acting Mayor Schedule.

Recommendation

That Council approve the 2024 Acting Mayor Schedule as presented:

NAME	DATE
Councillor Brown	2024-JAN-01 to 2024-FEB-18
Councillor Armstrong	2024-FEB-19 to 2024-MAR-31
Councillor Thorpe	2024-APR-01 to 2024-MAY-12
Councillor Geselbracht	2024-MAY-13 to 2024-JUN-23
Councillor Hemmens	2024-JUN-24 to 2024-AUG-11
Councillor Perrino	2024-AUG-12 to 2024-SEP-29
Councillor Manly	2024-SEP-30 to 2024-NOV-10
Councillor Eastmure	2024-NOV-11 to 2024-DEC-31

BACKGROUND

Section 130 of the *Community Charter* requires that “...council must, in accordance with its applicable procedure bylaw, provide for the designation of a councillor as the member responsible for acting in the place of the mayor when the mayor is absent or otherwise unable to act or when the office of mayor is vacant.” “Council Procedure Bylaw 2018 No. 7272” requires that the Corporate Officer annually prepare a schedule to designate Council members to serve as acting mayor on a rotating basis.

The Acting Mayor fulfills the responsibilities of the Mayor in his absence and must attend meetings of Council in person. If both the Mayor and Acting Mayor are absent from a Council meeting, the Council member who is next in rotation as Acting Mayor and attends the meeting in person will act as Chair of the meeting. Council members do not receive additional remuneration when acting in the Mayor’s role. Each Acting Mayor period is for approximately seven weeks.

DISCUSSION

In the past many methods have been used to generate the Acting Mayor schedule such as scheduling members in seniority order and using a random generator. For continuity the 2024 Acting Mayor schedule has been drafted to repeat the same schedule as the 2023 Acting Mayor schedule. If a Council member knows they will be absent during their assigned period they may wish to switch periods, via motion, with another member of Council.

OPTIONS

1. That Council approve the 2024 Acting Mayor Schedule as presented:

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- The advantages of this option: The schedule is based on the 2023 schedule to provide consistency for Council.
- The disadvantages of this option: Council may wish to select a different schedule than what is presented. Council may, by motion, switch Acting Mayor periods with other members of Council.
- Financial Implications: There are no financial implications associated with the Acting Mayor schedule.

2. That Council provide alternate direction.

- The advantages of this option: Council may wish to alter the schedule.
- The disadvantages of this option: Dependent on direction received.
- Financial Implications: Dependent on direction received.

SUMMARY POINTS

- The Acting Mayor schedule is required by the *Community Charter* and “Council Procedure Bylaw 2018 No. 7272” and is prepared annually.
- Each Acting Mayor period is for approximately seven weeks.

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