

COW October 7, 2024
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Jim Thomson

Approval of 2025 Calendar

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To : CoW October 7,2024

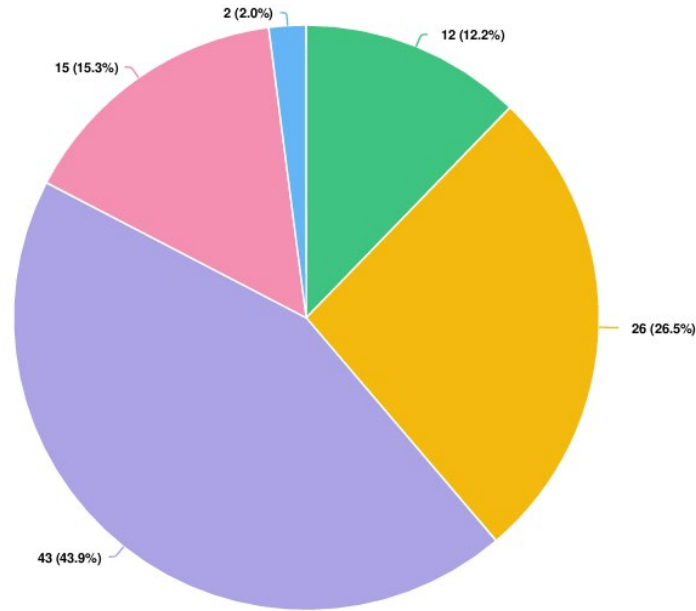
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- Direct the City Clerk or designate to include a public engagement component to the Procedure By-law Review, including but not limited to a Featured Project on GetInvolvedBurlington, related to sections pertaining to the public
- The Clerk had a survey on the GetInvolvedBurlington website, but failed to include the results of the survey in the Procedure Bylaw Review.

In memo to council Clerk and Solicitor State

- The survey results were not included as part of the report because the survey asks questions that are outside of the scope of the Procedure By-law,
- Does that mean that staff did not properly conduct the engagement portion of the By-law Review? They certainly didn't include anything based on the results.
- How is the time of meetings outside the scope of the Procedure By-law?

How do you find the Council meeting schedule when it comes to watching or attending meetings



Question options

Very convenient Convenient Neutral Inconvenient Very inconvenient

- 38.7% Inconvenient or Very Inconvenient.
- 17.3% Convenient or Very Convenient

Staff Ignores Problem

- The survey indicated that one of the main reasons for not attending was due to the meeting time. Many comments also indicated that attending daytime meetings is challenging due to work commitments.
- The change to meeting times was done at the request of Marianne at a December 2022 committee meeting. There was no public notice or consultation on the change to 9:30 Starts for meetings.
- Staff should have had taken this into account for the 2024 Meeting Calendar.

Options Considered – None.

- One of the areas of improvement identified in the survey was the timing of meetings.
- Many comments also indicated that participating during daytime meetings is challenging due to work commitments.
- Staff are not recommending changes to the calendar at this time.

It Works for Council and Staff.

- We give people their evenings back to spend with their families and go to ball games and have their personal time.