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Name of the organization or agency you are representing (if applicable): Combined Business Group of Saskatoon

Subject: Comments - 2023 City Council and Committee Meeting Schedule

Meeting (if known): City Council - October 31, 2022

Comments:

Please see the attached letter on behalf of the CBG. Thank you for your consideration.

Attachments:

- [CBG Letter of Support for Meeting Changes.pdf](#) 79.7 KB

Will you be submitting a video to be vetted prior to council meeting?: No

October 31, 2022

His Worship the Mayor & Members of City Council
City of Saskatoon
222 – 3rd Ave N.
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RE: 2023 City Council & Committee Meeting Schedule

Members of City Council:

On behalf of some organizations who are part of the Combined Business Group and our respective members, we are writing to lend our support for the recommended changes to the 2023 Council and Committee meeting schedule.

Just over a year ago, some members of our group expressed concerns to Administration about the consistent use of standing policy committees, agenda length, and the time between agendas being released and when we must submit comments or requests to speak.

We are pleased to see that Administration has taken our concerns under consideration. By changing the days that Council and Committee meetings are held, organizations like ours have additional time to consult members, conduct research, and provide Council and Administration with relevant and accurate evidence and commentary. We hope that this will further improve the dialogue between our various constituents and the City, by ensuring voices are heard and evidence-based decisions are made.

We continue to encourage Council and Administration to carefully monitor the consistent use of Council Committees to ensure that the Governance and Priorities Committee does not become a “catch-all” for items. Spreading out items according to their policy area is important to maintain continuity between Councillors, stakeholders, and the public. As policy files grow more complex and move through the various stages of information, decision, or approval, the continuity becomes even more important. It allows organizations like ours to logically follow the progress of each file and intervene at the appropriate times.

We remain committed to providing professional, evidence-based, and thorough feedback to the City and the recommendations being put forward will help our organizations do just that.

Sincerely,

Jason Aebig, CEO, Greater Saskatoon Chamber of Commerce
Cameron Choquette, CEO, Saskatchewan Landlord Association
Shannon Friesen, Saskatoon Construction Association
Chris Guerette, CEO, Saskatchewan REALTORS Association

DeeAnn Mercier, Executive Director, Broadway Business Improvement District

Keith Moen, Executive Director, NSBA

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