

Subject: Commencement Times of Meetings

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Mayor & Council:

In support of Councillor Cuthbert's motion re: commencement times of meetings (attached below) I would like to remind Council of the following letter submitted by me on behalf of FONVCA last February:

Mayor & Council:

At the Thursday, February 17th meeting of the Federation of NV Community Associations, a discussion took place regarding the scheduling of budget meetings beginning at 5 p.m. on weeknights. It was felt by members of FONVCA that this start-time places an unnecessary hardship on members of the public who would like to attend. While it is true that the public input sessions have been scheduled for 7 p.m. (like last Tuesday's budget meeting), important presentations from the RCMP and fire department were held earlier. This coming Tuesday is another 5 p.m. start-time. FONVCA members therefore agreed unanimously to request that in the future, all special meetings of Council, and preferable also the Budget Workshop Meetings, be held on weeknights beginning at 7 p.m. or, alternatively, one or more Saturday meetings be scheduled instead.

Sincerely,
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Submitted by Councillor Jim Cuthbert

Whereas it is a Council priority to be accessible to the public;

AND Whereas many of the members of the public who regularly attend Council Meetings find it difficult to attend open Council meetings before 7:00 p. m.;

AND Whereas the Federation of North Vancouver Community Associations (FONVCA) has expressed that meetings starting at 5:00 p. m. are an unnecessary hardship on members of the public and agreed unanimously to request that in the future, all Special Open Meetings of Council, and preferable also the Budget Workshop Meetings, be held on weeknights beginning at 7:00 p. m. or, alternatively, at one or more Saturday meetings as has been done in the past;

AND Whereas some Council members find it difficult to attend meetings starting at 5:00 p. m.;

Therefore be it resolved that whenever possible, all Open Council Meetings start at 7:00 p. m. and that consideration be given to holding some of the Council meetings involving public input for Budget deliberations on Saturdays.

