

We discussed potential changes to the full council meeting schedule at the Planning and Funding Committee Meeting; points for consideration were:

- Respect Council Member's commitment – we are mostly volunteers
 - Some meetings are consistently less well attended than others (summer meetings, meetings that are held at the same time as professional association meetings)
- Conserve our limited resources of support staff and time
- Revive the structure of members suggesting ideas/topics to Urban Forestry Coordinator, and Urban Forestry Coordinator and Council Chair meeting to discuss and agendaize. Group will prioritize.
- Compare our schedule to the Commission on the Environment schedule – they have 6 meetings
 - How well they function is not dependant on how many times they meet but rather how well they are functioning in committee and small group meetings

We came up with three variations:

Keep as is 11 meetings – no meeting in November

Reduce to 9 meetings – no meeting in April, July and November

Reduce to 6 meetings – no meeting in February, April, June, July, September and November

If we decide to make changes, the meetings will retain their current structure – ie. Tuesday evening meetings will retain their Tuesday evening time slot and Friday morning meetings will retain their Friday morning time slots to avoid room and time changes which could be very challenging to accommodate.