

Justification for Thursday and Friday Meetings

External organizations meet primarily on Thursdays. As such, Council and Committee meetings are generally scheduled Monday to Wednesday. On weeks where additional meeting days are needed due to holidays or other circumstances, the priority will be to use Fridays.

The following outlines the reason for the 10 Fridays and four Thursdays used in the proposed 2026 calendar.

Meeting Date and Type	Justification
Friday, February 20 City Council - Non-Regular	This meeting follows Family Day on the Monday. Non-regular Council meetings allow for civic agencies' reporting or intergovernmental updates.
Thursday, March 26 Executive Committee - Non-Regular	These meetings are needed in March for all business areas to present detailed budget information.
Friday, March 27 Executive Committee - Non-Regular	
Friday, April 10 Audit Committee	The shuffle of meetings is needed to be moved to accommodate spring recess, Easter and Vimy Ridge Day, and meet legislated financial deadlines.
Friday, April 17 City Council - Continuation	
Friday, May 15 Utility Committee	A Friday meeting is needed due to Victoria Day.
Friday, November 20 Emergency Advisory Committee and Council Services Committee	These Friday meetings are needed due to fall recess and to accommodate the four-year budget discussion.
Thursday, November 26 City Council Non-Statutory Public Hearing	These Friday meetings are needed due to fall recess and to accommodate budget discussions.
Friday, November 27 City Council Non-Statutory Public Hearing	
Thursday, December 3 City Council - Budget	These Friday meetings are needed to ensure there is enough time for full discussion of the four-year budget.
Friday, December 4 City Council - Budget	
Thursday, December 10, City Council - Budget	
Friday, December 11, City Council - Budget	
Friday, December 18, City Council - Budget	