

TOPCA Addendum to Statement re: Announced Scheduling Change for PDC Meetings



April 23, 2019

The TOPCA Executive fully supports our Ward 1 Councillor Stephen Dasko, regarding his stated position to retain evening PDC meetings as a matter of standard procedure.

We have noted the Staff Recommendation on the Council Agenda for Wednesday, April 24, 2019:

1. That Planning and Development Committee continue to be scheduled at 1:30 p.m., with an option for a 7:00 p.m. session being scheduled for those matters that have generated significant public interest and/or concern, subject to consultation with the Ward Councillor and the Chair of the Planning and Development Committee.

We will not repeat the contents of our original Statement (February 26, 2019) but we issue this Addendum, also posted at: [topca.net/# PDC_time_change](http://topca.net/#PDC_time_change)

Having now experienced the special additional scheduling for an evening PDC meeting (Monday, April 15, 2019 @ 7:00 pm), we are still uncomfortable with a two-tier approach to the scheduling of PDC meetings, which would rely on anticipating "significant public interest and/or concern" regarding an application before it receives (upon special request) the more advantageous evening time slot for public discussion.

It is unclear how significant an application would need to be, or how many residents would have to be concerned (and in enough time), before a case could be made to/via the Councillor and the Chair of the PDC for an evening meeting.

We believe ALL residents of Mississauga deserve to have planning applications in their area scheduled for the evening by default, to always enable the fullest possible public participation, and provide equal consideration for all citizens.

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