

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



June 18, 2019

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

Per the past Staff Recommendations on the Council Agenda dated April 24, 2019 (Item 10.2):

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.
2. That Council provide direction related to the composition of membership of the Planning and Development Committee.

The Council Agenda dated June 19, 2019 (Item 10.4) presents additional background research requested by Council on April 24, and Staff recommends:

That Council provide direction related to the composition and scheduling of Planning and Development Committee (PDC)

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

Despite the scheduling for an evening PDC meeting on April 15 and the pending special evening PDC session on June 24 (both including Ward 1 applications), 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 participation.

It is unclear just 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 for an evening PDC meeting to / via the Ward Councillor and the Chair of the PDC.

► 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.

► In the context of city-building, many development applications are impactful during the transformation of our City to a more urbanized, liveable and mobile environment, and for this reason we would prefer that ALL members of Council sit on PDC and hear all applications.

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