TORONTO

REPORT FOR ACTION

2027 Schedule of Meetings

Date: November 19, 2026
To: Striking Committee
From: City Clerk
Wards: All Wards

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to establish the 2027 meeting schedule for City Council and its committees.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The City Clerk recommends that:

1. City Council approve the 2027 meeting schedule dates in Attachment 1 to the supplementary report (November 19, 2026) from the City Clerk and that the published schedule serve as notice for these meetings.

2. City Council amend the list of days of cultural or religious observance when Council does not schedule meetings to include the first day of Hanukkah and to end meetings before sundown on the eve of Hanukkah, as set out in Attachment 2 to the supplementary report (November 19, 2026) from the City Clerk.

3. City Council request the City Clerk to distribute the approved schedule to the City's agencies and special purpose bodies with a request that they:

   a. avoid scheduling meetings, whenever possible, that conflict with the approved schedule; and

   b. avoid scheduling public meetings, forums, public consultations and large-scale meetings on days of cultural or religious observance as amended by Recommendation 2 above, and listed in Attachment 2 to the supplementary report (November 19, 2026) from the City Clerk.

4. City Council shorten the 30-day period in which City Council may pass a resolution making an amendment to the Mayor's proposed budget to coincide with the completion of the special City Council meeting scheduled on February 9, 2027.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

This report has no financial impact.

DECISION HISTORY

Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 27, Council Procedures, requires the City Clerk to recommend to the Striking Committee an annual schedule for regular meetings of City Council and committees.

The Chapter requires that the schedule:

- permit City Council to meet at least 10 times for at least 20 meeting days per year;
- enable committees to meet at different times whenever possible; and
- comply with the Council policy on respecting days of cultural or religious observance.

COMMENTS

The proposed meeting schedule reflects a new committee structure established by the Mayor, in which the number of standing committees was revised to five from four in the previous term of Council.

Scheduling assumptions and principles

The proposed meeting schedule is guided by a number of scheduling assumptions and principles:

- include regular meeting dates for the Board of Health;
- leave time in the schedule for special committees, agencies and special purpose bodies to schedule their own meetings;
- Avoid meeting dates of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' Board of Directors annual conference and Board of Directors;
- allow for a March, summer and winter holiday break;
- leave time in the schedule for Members and staff to prepare and review meeting materials;
- avoid scheduling standing committees on Fridays where possible to enable Members to attend meetings of special committees and boards and look after constituency matters; and
- comply with the Council policy on respecting days of cultural or religious observance.

This report recommends amending the list of days of observance to avoiding scheduling meetings on the eve of Hanukkah and to add the first day of Hanukkah. Hanukkah has,

by convention, been included in Council's schedule of meetings in the past, as a day on which Council does not meet.

Features of the 2027 meeting schedules

- There are 11 Council meetings over 28 meeting days. Meetings will continue on additional days when necessary.
- There is a partial meeting cycle in January to enable Council to consider planning items and other business while the budget process is underway.
- The Executive Committee meets at the end of the committee cycle.
- Committees and Community Councils can schedule additional meetings if necessary.
- Council meetings are scheduled for three days, except for the February meeting which ends a partial cycle and has been scheduled for 2 days.
- Council meeting times are as follows:
  - 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
  - 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- Committee meeting times are as follows:
  - 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
  - 1:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- Meetings end before sundown where noted on the schedule, and meeting end times have been included on the schedule.

2027 Day for Consideration of the Mayor's Proposed Budget

Under the City of Toronto Act, 2006:

- the Mayor is required to propose a budget by February 1 in each year;
- City Council has 30 days to consider the budget and propose any amendments it considers appropriate; and
- City Council may shorten the 30-day period to accelerate the adoption of the budget.

As it has done in past years, City Council should shorten its 30-day window to coincide with the conclusion of the Special Council meeting on the budget, currently proposed for February 9.

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SIGNATURE

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1 - 2027 Proposed Meeting Schedule
Attachment 2 - Days of cultural or religious observance