The subject information update includes the Resolution from the EDP Committee on September 22, 2008, together with the original staff recommendation, proposed amendments thereto, suggestions made by Committee, and the items which were voted on at the EDP Committee of October 7, 2008.

At their Meeting of Monday, September 22, 2008, the Economic Development and Planning Committee passed the following resolution as Item 1 of Report 08-018;

1. **Outstanding Business Item K: Review of Timing of Decisions for Applications Considered at Public Meetings (PED08029) (City Wide)**

That the entire matter be tabled and that staff be directed to bring back the amendments to the staff recommendation, proposed by Councillor McHattie, together with the other proposals put forward by members of the Committee, to the Meeting of October 7, 2008, for further deliberation.

Please find below the original staff recommendation, the proposed Amendments to the staff recommendation, (McHattie/Clark) but not voted upon at the above-mentioned Committee meeting, followed by added suggestions from Committee, respecting the subject report;

**Original staff recommendation:**

(a) That Council amend the Public Participation and Mediation in the Planning Approval Process (PED03105) by adding the following new policies:

(i) That a copy of all correspondence received in response to the preliminary circulation letter be forwarded to the Ward Councillor immediately upon receipt of such correspondence.

(ii) That a Public Information Meeting be held prior to the scheduling of the formal Public Meeting where, in the opinion of the City’s Manager of Development Planning, in consultation with the Ward Councillor, it is seen to be beneficial to address public issues raised in response to the preliminary circulation letter.
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*Proposed Amendments;*

b) that the staff “alternative option” to streamline the process be adopted, such that a monthly separate meeting be convened to consider non-public meeting and discussion items (i.e. Consent items, presentations, delegations, and information reports);

c) While acknowledging the requirement to specify legislated Planning Act language, that clear and “catchy” titles be used for EDP public meetings (i.e. as is done by the Waste Management Committee);

d) that staff investigate a delivery of a questionnaire to people who have made delegation to EDP in order to gain ideas to improve the process;

e) that prior to open houses, material be posted to the City website so citizens are prepared to participate;

f) that the Procedural By-law 5 minute speaking rule be referred to the Governance Sub-Committee for review.

*Additional suggestions from the same Committee Meeting, which have not yet been voted upon;*

(i) that the current schedule of daytime meetings should be maintained

(ii) that an appropriate threshold be established with regard to the holding of special evening meetings concerning significant matters

(iii) that all members should receive all correspondence following the preliminary circulation of an application

(iv) that legal items involving the City Solicitor, should continue to be addressed at a set time, being 12 noon

(v) that the Agenda be re-arranged to place “carry-over” items at the start of the meeting

(vi) that the agenda be re-arranged to place Public Meetings ahead of Consent Items

(vii) that the issue of decorum and conduct of Councillors at meetings should be considered further, and by the Integrity Commissioner.
Further discussion on the issue took place at the Committee Meeting of October 7, 2008, resulting in the following Motions, both of which were defeated;

The following Motion was moved by Councillor McHattie, seconded by Councillor Clark:

(a) That a Special Evening Meeting of Committee be convened, within the next 60 days, to review the input from the Special Public Meeting of September 22, 2008, and to consider appropriate changes;

(b) That staff be directed to advertise this meeting, and said advertising to include a summary of the suggested changes put forward at the meeting of September 22, 2008, and to request written public comment on these suggestions; and

(c) That staff include a summary of costs associated with the various suggestions.

A Standing Recorded vote was taken:

Yeas: McHattie, Clark, Bratina, Whitehead
Yeas: 4
Nays: Duvall, Ferguson, Pearson, Mitchell
Nays: 4
Absent: Eisenberger, Pasuta

The Motion lost on a tie.

The following Motion was moved by Councillor McHattie, seconded by Councillor Clark:

(a) That the Economic Development and Planning Committee meetings be restructured as follows and be in place for January 1, 2009:

(i) That the public meetings component be moved to evening meetings, every two weeks, and

(ii) That the policy and other reports component remain a day-time meeting, every two weeks or as required.

A Standing Recorded Vote was called:

Yeas: McHattie, Clark
Yeas: 2
Nays: Duvall, Bratina, Ferguson, Pearson, Whitehead, Mitchell
Nays: 6
Absent: Eisenberger, Pasuta

The Motion lost.