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

Amendments to the staff recommendation, as moved at Committee (McHattie/Clark) and added suggestions from Committee, respecting the subject report;

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 (ie. 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 Committee;

(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 evening Public Meetings, Pursuant to Planning Act items, be held very two weeks

(viii) that the current schedule of two meetings per month be re-arranged, to have one meeting specifically for Public Meetings and the second one for the balance of items considered by committee

(ix) that the issue of decorum and conduct of Councillors at meetings should be considered further, and by the Integrity Commissioner.