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Subject: Addition to Agenda, Item 11.20, Committee of the Whole - Wed Dec 4, 2019

As a resident of Richmond Hill I strongly object to the motion to change the meeting times for Richmond Hill council from evening meetings to 9:30 am on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month. Residents of Richmond Hill who work will not be able to attend daytime meetings and are completely shut out of the democratic process. Watching the live streaming of the meetings is also impossible if one is working.

I also take issue with the proposed cancellation of the Committee of the Whole meetings for the balance of this council's term. This motion was slipped into the Council meeting of November 20th at the last minute and it serves as just one more attempt of the majority of council to deliberately exclude the residents of Richmond Hill from participating in public meetings which is their democratic right. The committee of the Whole is a forum for council and city staff to discuss details and get input from the public concerning pending items on the council's agenda. Canceling these meetings removes one more step in the process where the residents of Richmond Hill can have their voices heard and valuable information can be garnered from city staff and experts via reports and delegations before final decisions are made.

Sincerely ,

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