

Ask Judith: Attendance at Meetings

How much do Mayor and Council get paid?

A councillor makes about \$10,500 per year as a stipend. The Mayor's salary is about twice this.

How many meetings do Mayor and Council attend?

There are about 25-30 Council meetings a year. In addition there are about six Special Committee of the Whole Budget meetings each year to prepare the annual budget. All Council members should attend all of these meetings, although work, health and family matters sometimes mean that one or more members miss a meeting.

Attendance Records

All agendas and meeting minutes, showing attendance, are posted on the City website www.colwood.ca. Attendance records for the 2009-2011 Council were as follows:

There were 82 Council meetings in 2009 - 2011.

Mayor David Saunders – attended 78 meetings	95%
Judith Cullington – attended 73 meetings	89%
Cynthia Day – attended 76 meetings	93%
Gordie Logan – attended 72 meetings	88%
Ernie Robertson – attended 55 meetings	67%
Brian Tucknott – attended 66 meetings	80%
Shaun Wysiecki – attended 80 meetings	98%

There were 18 Special Committee of the Whole (Budget) meetings in 2009 - 2011.

Mayor David Saunders – attended 17 meetings	94%
Judith Cullington – attended 17 meetings	94%
Cynthia Day – attended 18 meetings	100%
Gordie Logan – attended 13 meetings	72%
Ernie Robertson – attended 9 meetings	50%
Brian Tucknott – attended 16 meetings	89%
Shaun Wysiecki – attended 16 meetings	89%

What about Committees and other meetings?

In addition to Council meetings, council members are expected to attend various committees to which they are assigned. For example:

As Chair of Transportation and Public Infrastructure, I attended 25 of the 25 meetings (100%).

As Vice-chair of Planning and Land Use, I attended 38 of the 41 meetings (92%).

As Alternate member of Parks and Recreation Committee, I attended 15 of the 18 meetings (83%), due to the absence of Vice-Chair Councillor Robertson, who only attended ONE meeting in this period.

I also represented Colwood as an Alternate Member of Capital Regional District Board of Directors, and attended the CRD Environmental Sustainability Committee and CRD Planning, Protective Services and Transportation Committee.

Please support a new council who will show up, work hard and

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