***Re: Amendments to Council Procedures Bylaw 18155***

Dear Councillor [Councillor's Last Name],

I am writing to express my **strong opposition** to the proposed amendments to Council Procedures Bylaw 18155 that will change the distribution date for Council and Committee agendas from 10 clear days prior to the meeting to the Thursday prior to the meeting.

As an engaged citizen of Edmonton, I am concerned about how these changes will impact our ability to participate in the municipal decision-making process. Reducing the time for agenda distribution significantly limits our capacity to stay informed, review important materials, and provide meaningful input on the issues that affect our community.

**Key Concerns:**

* **Reduced Public Participation:** With less time to access and review meeting materials, Edmontonians will have a harder time engaging with local democracy, voicing their opinions, and participating in Council and Committee meetings.
* **Media Limitations**: News outlets will struggle to keep the public informed about city affairs, reducing public awareness and dialogue on important issues.
* **Challenges for Non-Profits & Grassroots Organizations**: Groups that rely on public engagement and feedback will find it harder to inform their members and advocate effectively.
* **Elected Officials’ Preparedness:** My councillor will have less time to review materials, engage with constituents, and make well-informed decisions. This compressed timeline is unrealistic, especially when considering the volume and complexity of the materials.

**I urge you to reconsider the motion from the July 4, 2024, City Council meeting and maintain the current 10-day distribution rule.** This will ensure that Edmonton remains a city where businesses, citizens, and Councillors alike can actively contribute to municipal decisions in an informed manner.

Thank you for considering my concerns. I trust that you will act in the best interest of maintaining a transparent and accessible decision-making process for the benefit of all Edmontonians.

Sincerely,

[Your Name]