

Dear Teachers,

In attempt to engage more students in the Mock Council Experience and to make it as real as possible, the media now have an active role.

In addition to selecting your Mayor, 12 Councillors (one which will act as Deputy Mayor), City Clerk and 2 – 4 Interested Citizens or Organizations Who Wish to Speak, please select 3 – 4 students to act as media.

The below information (which explains the role of the media) will be laminated and attached to mini clipboards. We'll supply the paper and pencils. Please bring a camera for your media to use. We would love to see the finished news reports that your students produce once back at school. Please email them to CityHallSchool@edmonton.ca.

City Of Edmonton Mock Council Media Notes

Media People – You have an important job to do. You'll need to record information about this meeting so you can share it with Edmontonians.

Use the paper on this clipboard to write your notes. When you get back to school, you'll be able to take these notes and turn them into a news report. Remember to record the facts. (However, if you are a columnist instead of a reporter, you could state your personal views in your article.)

Be sure to include - the date, the issue being discussed, some quotes from the mayor or councillors or representatives, the numbers for the vote and whether or not the motion was carried or defeated.

The photographer is welcome to take pictures during the meeting but must remember to not cross the "bar" and enter the council circle area. The photos should be published with the news report. After the meeting is adjourned and the Mayor/Councillors leave their seating area, you can go up and ask them questions about the meeting.