

## **NRDCAA Council Report, Meeting 30th of January 2018.**

The report covers main issues that the Committee of Management feels is in the public interest.

This report should not be relied upon by residents and ratepayers. The Reports, motions and resolutions are mostly truncated.

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**All Councillors were in attendance.**

**Mayoral Minutes.**

**Item: 001, Archaeological Discoveries- Thompson Square Precinct.**

There were three speakers in support and one against the MM.

The report advised of discovery of early colonial infrastructure of significance (two sections of brick barrel drains dating from 1814).

The report also confirmed the November 2017 RMS Detailed Salvage Strategy claims there is no evidence of Howe's brick barrel drain.

Discussion ensued.

**1) RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Lyons-Buckett.** That Council write to the NSW Government and RMS, requesting a delay in the tendering process for the bridge replacement until all investigations into the archaeological discoveries within the project area are complete.

**Councillors Conolly, Richards and Tree** requested that their names be recorded as having voted against the motion.

**2) RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Lyons-Buckett.** That Council write to the Premier and the RMS urging all regular practices and procedures be adhered to with regard to archaeological discovery of heritage items and no items to be removed from the site.

**Councillors Conolly, Richards and Tree** requested that their names be recorded as having voted against the motion.

**3) RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Lyons-Buckett.** That Council, following on from Council's earlier letter, advise the Federal Minister for Environment and Energy, Hon. Josh Frydenberg, MP of the discovery of brick barrel drains, as a potential item of National significance.

**4) RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Lyons-Buckett.** That Council invite the Premier of NSW and the Local Member the Hon. Dominic Perrottet, MP to visit the archaeological site and request that Mr Perrottet support the delay and support Hawkesbury City Council in its opposition to Windsor Bridge Replacement Project.

**Councillors Conolly, Richards, Tree and Zamprogno requested that their names be recorded as having voted against the motion.**

**5) RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Lyons-Buckett.** That Council express again to the Local Member the Hon. Dominic Perrottet, MP its deep concern over the State Government and RMS proceeding with this project against the recommendations of its own heritage advisers, our grave fears for the wealth of archaeological relics known at the site, and the long lasting detriment such a bridge and the resultant heavy traffic will impose on Windsor's historic Thompson Square and Windsor's tourism potential.

**Councillors Conolly, Richards, Tree and Zamprogno requested that their names be recorded as having voted against the motion.**

**6) RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Lyons-Buckett.** That Council request that Lucas Stapleton Johnson and Partners, who are compiling the CMP for Council, and the Heritage Advisory Committee, be able to inspect and document the findings on the site, including the barrel drains.

**Councillors Conolly, Richards and Tree requested that their names be recorded as having voted against the motion.**

**Item: 002 MM2 - Urban Resilience.** There was one speaker in support of the MM.

The report expressed concern with the extreme weather conditions and the stress that that puts on our Health services and facilities, in particular the young, aged and poor.

A financial allocation in the next budget to cater for the affects of climate change is essential.

Discussion ensured,

**RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Lyons-Buckett.** That Council 1) hold a workshop in July 2018 to investigate developing a comprehensive Resilience Plan for the city building on the 'Adaptation Action Plan - Planning for Climate Change and Natural Hazards' dated February 2016 and encompassing the impacts of climate change, urban heat islands and natural disasters, on critical infrastructure, communications, health services, the local economy and the natural environment.

2) In the interim period until a plan is in place, Council take the following steps:

a) In preparing the upcoming budget, staff develop options and protocols to support and assist vulnerable members of our community to deal with the consequences of extreme weather events, for example: • increasing the hours of our pool operations • keeping some of our air conditioned venues open for longer periods of time • ensuring adequate signage warning of the dangers of swimming in the river are in place at known swimming spots on the river • investigate increasing the number of water bubbler/filling stations in public areas • investigate the introduction of free transport to allow people access to facilities where they can seek refuge from extreme weather.

b) Accelerate efforts to identify and provide an integrated range of permanent support services in a single location for homeless people including medical, food, personal washing, clothes washing, counselling etc. by working in conjunction with existing service providers and other levels of government to deliver this.

**Item: 003 MM3 - Special Rate Variation** – There was one speaker for the recommendation.

The report detailed concerns with two documents that were distributed to resident regarding Council's application for a Special Rate Variation (SRV). Copies of the correspondence were provided to Councillor Lyons-Buckett who

advised the two documents were drafted by Oakville Progress Association Inc;(OPA) and the Member for Hawkesbury The Hon Dominic Perrottet MP;

The report indicated the correspondence from the OPA appeared to some significant omissions and misrepresentations and the Local Member's letter omit the fact that the rate increases on the Oakville area and near surrounds were the direct result of substantial rate increases.

Discussion ensued.

**RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Lyons-Buckett.** That Council: 1) Write to the Oakville Progress Association to restate its offer to address the Association about their concerns and issues.

2) Information prepared for posting on Council's Facebook page and website, attached as Attachment 1 and 2 to the report, to provide residents with the facts and issues relevant to Council's application for a special rate increase, be circulated by social media and email.

Reaffirm its commitment to reviewing the rating structure through a series of workshops, the first to be held on 1 February 2018.

**The motion was carried on the casting vote of the Mayor.**

**Item: 005 CP - DA0107/17 - 7 Smith Road, Oakville - Lot 7 DP532334 - Child Care Centre - Construction and Operation of a Child Care Centre.**

The Child care Centre will cope for a maximum of 101 children.

Council considered this application at its meeting August 2017 and sought further consultation with the applicant regarding car parking and other issues.

**Council unanimously supported the application.**

**Item: 006 - Special Rate Variation Application (SRVA).**

The Report advised the SRVA was ready for lodging with IPART and sought approval to do so. The increase if approved would move rates by 9.5% pa plus rate pegging 2.3% commencing 2018-19 and 9.5%pa, plus rate pegging of 2.5% over the two year period 2019-2021.

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Rasmussen, seconded by Councillor Wheeler: That Council confirms its intention to seek approval for a special rate increase by approving the submission of a Special Rate Variation Application for 2018/2019 as outlined in this report to the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal for assessment and determination.

**Councillors Conolly, Richards and Zamprogno requested that their names be recorded as having voted against the motion.**

**Item: 008 - Windsor Bridge Replacement Project - Proposed Council Infrastructure.** One speaker addressed Council speaking for the recommendation.

This item refers to street/park lighting in Thompson Square and retention of the first span of the current bridge be utilised as a viewing platform.

Discussion ensued.

**Moved by Councillor Zamprogno, seconded by Councillor Conolly.** 1) Endorse the proposed park lighting design, utilising "Bourke Hill" luminaries and "Boulevard" columns.

2). Advise RMS that, in the absence of RMS or the NSW Government acknowledging its financial and moral obligation to maintain the proposed retained bridge span as a viewing platform, Council will accept ongoing management responsibilities.

3). Make the strongest representations to the NSW Government outlining its responsibility to maintain the retained bridge span as part of its obligation to preserve State Significant Heritage.

**An AMENDMENT was moved by Councillor Wheeler, seconded by Councillor Rasmussen..** That Council: 1) Reiterate its opposition to the current bridge project and the plans to demolish the Historic Windsor Bridge, and advise RMS that no commentary on design issues should be construed as support for the project.

2) Endorse the proposed park lighting design, utilising "Bourke Hill" luminaries and "Boulevard" columns.

3). Advise RMS that, Council will not accept ongoing management responsibilities and calls on the NSW Government to acknowledge its financial and moral obligation to maintain the proposed retained bridge span as a viewing platform, as has been done for similar projects in NSW.

4) Make the strongest representations to the NSW Government outlining its responsibility to maintain the retained bridge span as part of its obligation to preserve State Significant Heritage.

**The amendment then became the motion which was put and carried**

**Councillors Conolly, Richards and Zamprogno requested that their names be recorded as having voted against the motion**

**ROC: ROC - Heritage Advisory Committee - 23 November 2017.**

Council resolved that the minutes of 23 November 2017 be received and Council note items 3, 5, and 7 and endorse the recommendations in respect to Item 1 and 2.

**ROC - Sustainability Advisory Committee - 27 November 2017.**

Council resolved that the minutes of the 27th of November 2017 be received and the proposed amendments to the constitution be implemented.

**ROC - Floodplain Risk Management Advisory Committee - 7 December 2017**

**RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Rasmussen, seconded by Councillor Garrow that:**

1. The Minutes of the Floodplain Risk Management Advisory Committee, held on 7 December 2017 be received and noted.

2. Council endorse the representations made to the Local Member for Hawkesbury the Hon. Dominic Perrottet, MP regarding the construction of a high level flood-free crossing between Richmond and North Richmond and any feedback received be reported back to the Committee.

3. In relation to Item 3 of the Minutes, arrangements be made for relevant staff from Lismore Council to be invited to attend a future Floodplain Risk Management Advisory Committee, either in person or via teleconference to

outline experiences and lessons learnt from the flood event associated with ex Tropical Cyclone Debbie in 2017.

4. In relation to the General Business Item in the Minutes regarding discussion on the feasibility of a 1:100 elevated flood evacuation road from Chapel Street Richmond to Hanna Match North Richmond, that the matter be referred to Council's (newly formed) Infrastructure Committee to investigate the feasibility of constructing a 1:100 elevated flood evacuation route from Richmond to North Richmond to allow access for services such as ambulance, fire and medical evacuation.

**NM1 - Cost Shifting Notification on the 2018/2019 Rates Notice.**

**RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Reynolds, seconded by Councillor Garrow:**

That a report be prepared for Council outlining wording to be included on the rates notice for the financial year 2018/2019, including instalment notices, reflecting how Council has been financially affected by the NSW Government's practice of 'cost shifting' onto Council expenses that must be paid by all rate payers.

**NM2 - Enhancement of the Arts in the Hawkesbury.**

**RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Reynolds, seconded by Councillor Rasmussen:**

That a report be prepared with a view to encouraging and facilitating enhancement of the arts in the Hawkesbury, review its policies, requirements, fees and charges, as well as Council and State regulatory frameworks for public and indoor spaces, for the following: • presentation of cultural activities • arts and performances • installations • busking.

**NM3 - Development Control Plan:**

**RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Wheeler, seconded by Councillor Ross.** That Council: 1. Receive a report by the Council Meeting 6 March 2018, which details a timeframe, methodology and potential financial sources for rewriting the Development Control Plan (DCP).

2. In its upcoming budget deliberations, include a provision for updating the DCP, supported and informed by consultation with local stakeholders regarding the current DCP and difficulties experienced with its interpretation and implementation.

**NM4-Unapproved Dwellings:**

**RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Wheeler, seconded by Councillor Garrow.**

That Council receive a report outlining a policy to better deal with unapproved dwellings. The policy should detail means to identify potentially unsafe, dangerous and unapproved dwellings in the LGA and facilitate their approval where possible, or further actions where the dwellings or their siting is dangerous to the occupant due to flood, fire or the like. Such actions should include an amnesty period and the report include an estimate of costs.

**Questions:**

**Councillors: Zamprogno 1, Kotlash 1, Calvert 1, Wheeler 6, Reynolds 1, Garrow 5, Rasmussen 2, Ross 1, Lyons-Buckett 1.**

**Confidential Reports** were, Tenders for consideration, licence agreements.

The meeting closed at 12.52am.

**Authorised by the NRDCAA CoM 15 2 18.**