

## **Council Report to NRDCAA Meeting October 17 2016.**

There were two meetings of Council since the September Report, 27th of September 2016, Extraordinary, and the 11th of October 2016, Ordinary meeting of Council.

The report covers main issues as determined by the CoM that could affect residents and ratepayers, or could be a matter of public interest.

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

Council Business Papers and Minutes of each meeting are available on the Council website.

### **Extraordinary Council Meeting 27th of September 2016.**

**Apology:** Councillor Tree.

#### **Item: 192 Election of Mayor.**

Councillor Lyons-Buckett was elected Mayor, 8 votes, Councillor Richards received 3 votes.

#### **Item: 193- Election of Deputy Mayor.**

Councillor Calvert was elected Deputy Mayor, 8 votes, Councillor Conolly received 3 votes.

#### **Other Items.**

Appointment of Committees, Delegates and Representatives along with Annual Reports in accordance with the Local Government Act were actioned.

The Committee of Management (CoM) forwarded correspondence congratulating all Councillors on their election.

The CoM are of the view, we now have a Council that will respond to the community's needs and aspirations.

### **Ordinary Meeting of Council 11 October 2016.**

**Mayoral Minute-1:** Council resolved to endorse the procedure outlined in the MM to select and appoint a new General Manager.

**Mayoral Minute-2:** Council resolved to remove the ‘Doug Bathersby’ rope barrier that was erected to “protect” Councillors from themselves!

**Item: 197- Tourist and Visitors accommodation Oakville.**

There were two speakers opposing the staff recommendation

The two relocatable cabins in question have been installed on the land at Oakville without formal approval.

The staff recommendation to refuse the application was rejected by Councillors.

The debate amongst Councillor was based on the staff’s suspicion that the accommodation was for permanent accommodation (family members).

Council approved the application.

Councillors, Calvert, Conolly, Garrow, Kotlash, Lyons- bucket, Rasmussen, Reynolds, Richards, Tree, Wheeler and Zamprogno supported approval and Councillor Ross opposed approval.

**Items: 198-207 dwellings on the Gallery precinct, Redbank North Richmond.**

There were five speakers against the staff recommendation including the NRDCAA.

The ten applications were before Council on the 9 August 2016 and were deferred to enable Council to facilitate a meeting between the concerned parties, being RSL Life Care, the developers and the residents.

*Note the NRDCAA was omitted as an interested party. The Council report omitted the NRDCAA attendance at the meeting in July. The CoM believes the omission was intentional.*

Subsequently the Developer made application to the Land & Environment Court to have the rejection overturned.

No progress was made at the council convened meeting of the 30th of August 2016. The Council reports indicates only four residents were able to attend. Council Officers were aware only a few residents were available.

After a very long debate Council resolved, on the casting vote of the Mayor, that the applications be deferred for three months.

Councillors, Calvert, Kotlash, Lyons-Buckett, Rasmussen, Ross and Wheeler supported the motion.

Councillors, Conolly, Garrow, Reynolds, Richards, Tree and Zamprogno opposed the motion.

This item will be determined by the Land & Environment Court.

**Item: 208-221 Hawkesbury Valley Way Clarendon- Secondary Dwelling.**

There was one speaker against Council's staff recommendation of rejection.

The application seeks to construct a secondary dwelling on the site.

Council's report indicates that the application is unable to adequately address matters having regard to heritage, aircraft noise and flooding.

Council resolved to defer the item to allow further discussion with staff to address the issues raised in the report.

Councillors, Calvert, Conolly, Garrow, Lyons-Buckett, Rasmussen, Reynolds Richards, Tree, Wheeler and Zamprogno in support of the application.

Councillors Kotlash and Ross opposed.

**Item: 210- Council Representatives on Hawkesbury River County Council.**

There were three candidates (Councillors, Kotlash, Wheeler and Zamprogno) for two positions. Because the votes were tied, the returning officer drew the names from the basket. This led to Councillors Kotlash and Zamprogno being elected.

**Item: 211- Fit for the Future-Outcomes, proposed resourcing options and engagement strategy.**

The CoM urges all ratepayers to take an interest in the strategies being proposed to have Council Fit for the Future contained in the Business Paper at p209.

The theme is, if you want better services better roads then a special rate variation (SRV) ranging from 22.9%- 31.29% will be required over three years which includes the ordinary rates that apply each year.

There have been seven public meetings, telephone and online surveys, information kiosk in six different shopping centres, fact sheets and more.

The community want better services and better roads.

The Council meeting deferred the decision to proceed to the next step pending the preparation of a revised proposal to accommodate a possible deferral of SRV within the current adopted proposal.

In addition, Council engage a suitably qualified person to review current financial position, delivery program and operational Plans with a view of finding new solutions and strategies not already explored.

**Item: 213- Review of the Hawkesbury Community Strategic Plan (HCSP) 2013-2032.**

The report advises that legislation requires that the newly elected Council must review the HCSP.

The HCSP sits on top of all other plans/strategies and ensuring that it is fully reflective of the Hawkesbury community's aspirations is viewed as critical by senior staff.

The processes need to be finalised by 30th June 2017.

Council endorsed the processes outlined in the report to meet timeframes including community consultation.

**Item: 217- Consultants utilised by Council 1 January 2016-30th of June 2016.**

There were 16 consultancies used and 25 reports/advice provided at a cost of \$212,460.50.

**Reports of Committees.**

**The Audit Committee** Minutes of the 13th of July 2016 were received.

**The Hawkesbury Access and Inclusion Committee** Minutes of the 25 August 2016 were received.

**The Heritage Advisory Committee** Minutes of the 1st of September 2016 were received.

**The Local Traffic Committee Meeting** Minutes of the 12 September 2016 were adopted.

**Notices of Motions. *Please note NM's are shortened where possible.***

**NM 1** A Councillor briefing session be held this year to give history and background to the Pitt Town Development including the contributions and works required from their progress to date and the Developer be invited to address Council.

Sponsors: Councillors Conolly and Tree. Carried.

**NM 2** Council provide an update on the status of Council's attempts to allow detached dual occupancy in the HLGA, including what action is still required and timeframes to obtain a result.

Sponsors: Councillors Richards and Tree. Carried.

**NM 3** Withdrawn by Councillor Richards. Considered in conjunction with NM 4.

**NM 4** Support an additional crossing of the Hawkesbury River.

Councillor briefing incorporating presentation from RMS and Council staff to provide current status of the Windsor Bridge.

Briefing to address project status, heritage, traffic performance, design and maintenance responsibilities.

A further briefing be held for RMS and Transport for NSW officers to outline options and planning for future river crossings including commentary on the impact of proceeding with option one.

Sponsors: Councillors Zamprogno and Calvert. Carried.

*Note, Councillor Ross opposed the motion because of commitments he made in the election campaign opposing option 1.*

**NM 5** A report be provided detailing the establishment of a working Group to develop options to revitalise Windsor.

The report to address the aims, membership, frequency of meetings, reporting requirements and other potentials models.

A report be provided to Council regarding the possibility of establishing a Budget Monitoring Committee.

The committee's role would be to receive quarterly briefings from staff on Council's progress towards meeting its budget and its FFtF objectives.

Finally, the report to make recommendation as to the membership committee.

Sponsors: Councillors Wheeler and Garrow. Carried.

**NM 6** Acknowledge that October is Mental Health month and acknowledges the work of those organisations working to improve mental health for Hawkesbury residents.

Acknowledge that half of all Australians will experience some form of mental illness during their lifetime and that community organisations play a vital role in supporting those with mental illness.

Notes, that the Hawkesbury LGA has poor access to mental health services and residents must travel to Penrith to access publicly funded inpatient services.

Commits to assisting to break down the stigma attached to mental illness through education and support for community members and employees with mental illness.

Request a report detailing how Council can support Mental Health activities in 2017.

Sponsors: Wheeler and Garrow. Carried.

**NM 7** Withdrawn by Councillor Reynolds. Considered in conjunction with NM 4.

**NM 8** The Mayor request the Federal Minister for the Environment and Energy to emergency list Thompson Square , Windsor on the National Heritage register.

The request be made in consultation with the local Federal MP.

Sponsors Councillors Reynolds and Ross. Carried.

*Please note all liberal Councillors (Conolly, Richards Tree and Zamprogno) opposed the motion.*

**Questions: Councillors, Reynolds 1, Wheeler 1, and Tree 2.**

Meeting concluded at 12 07am.

Authorised by the NRDCAA CoM October 2016.

