

NRDCAA CoM, Council Report September 21, 2015.

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There were three Council Meetings since our last report.

Council Meeting August 25, 2015.

Apologies were received from Councillors Conolly (L) and Creed (L).

Matter of Urgency: a motion of urgency was carried concerning Council communicating with all owners of property adjoining the river below Windsor Bridge, seeking advice to the effects that may have occurred to the river banks and appears to be associated with the use of boats that are designed to create an extra large wave that is used for wakeboarding and surfing.

Council Officers to prepare a report from the information provided.

Councillor Porter moved the motion and Councillor Williams seconded the proposition.

Item 135: Progress Report, Richmond and Kurrajong Large Lot Residential Investigational Area.

There was one speaker from the NRDCAA speaking against the recommendation and a Town Planner speaking for the recommendation.

This item is to respond to Council's request for a report regarding the mapped investigation areas shown in the Hawkesbury Residential Land Strategy (HRLS) around Richmond/Hobartville, North Richmond, Wilberforce, Glossodia and Windsor/Hobartville/Bligh Park.

Immediately following debate, Councillors Lyons-Buckett moved and Councillor Paine seconded a motion that removed all Villages west of the river from the recommendation.

This is the NRDCAA's policy position

Councillor Conolly moved an amendment and was seconded by Councillor Porter which reflected the staff recommendation, including all Villages west of the river.

It would seem a Councillor was confused when they voted and after a couple of more votes, the Liberal majority in Council carried the day for planning proposals to be reinstated immediately for all Villages identified in paragraph two of the staff recommendation.

Item 140: Consultants Utilised by Council

For the period January 2015 to June 2015 there were 25 consultants utilised and \$374,791.92 paid in fees.

Reports of Committees.

The minutes of the Audit Committee held on the 27 July 2015 were received.

The minutes of the Local Traffic Committee held on the 10 August were tabled.

Questions: Councillors' Calvert 3, Paine 2, Lyons-Buckett 2.

Council Meeting 8th of September 2015

There were apologies from Councillors Paine (I) Rasmussen (I) and Williams (G).

Item 146: DA for operation of a food and drink premise at South Windsor- McDonalds.

There were three speakers. One speaker for the proposal and two speakers against the proposal.

The DA is for another McDonalds in the HLG. The location at South Windsor is in a key gateway location to the Hawkesbury.

The main issue raised by one of the speakers was the safety of children crossing George Street from the Bligh Park.

There is no "condition" imposed by Council in this regard. From what was said at the meeting it seems Council is "hoping" RMS will look at this soon!

Councillors Calvert moved and Lyons-Buckett seconded a motion **that the matter be deferred for a site visit**. This was rejected by the five Liberal Councillors present and Councillor Porter.

The staff recommendation was also amended predominately by deleting Schedule 1.

The amended conditions were supported by, Councillors Creed (L), Ford (L), Mackay (L), Porter (I), Reardon (L) and Tree (L).

Against, Councillors Calvert (ALP), Conolly (L) and Lyons-Buckett (I).

Absent: Councillors Paine (I), Williams (G) and Rasmussen (I)

Comment: The author was in attendance and did have difficulty following the outcome. As an observer it would seem an amended motion was prepared to replace the staff recommendation contained in the business paper.

Item 148: Webers Circus- Application for McQuade Park.

There was one speaker against the recommendation that McQuade Park be utilised by webers Circus.

Council approved the use of McQuade Park in May-June 2016 for Weber Circus.

Reports of Committee

The minutes of the Human Services Advisory Committee held on the 30 July 2015 were received.

Notices of Motion.

On the 12th of May Council rejected a Planning Proposal to amend Hawkesbury Local Environment Plan 2013 at 631 BLoR Kurrajong.

Councillor Mackay moved a motion to rescind that decision and Councillor Conolly seconded the motion.

It was carried. Councillors Conolly (L), Creed (L), Ford (L), Mackay (L), Porter (I) and Tree (L) in support.

Councillors who voted against the motion were Calvert (ALP), Lyons-Buckett (I) and Reardon (L).

Councillors Paine (I), Rasmussen (I) and Williams (G) were absent from the meeting.

The rejected motion from the May meeting was then carried.

Comment: Councillor Reardon changed her vote; she supported the proposal in May and voted against the proposal at the meeting on the 8th of September 2015. She supported the rescission motion at the same meeting!

Further, Councillors Porter and Creed changed their vote at this meeting. At the May meeting they voted against the proposal. This meeting they changed their vote. The proposition at the May and September were identical.

Also, this was Councillor Mackay first NoM in at least 18 months!

Questions:

Councillors Calvert 3, Paine 2, Lyons-Buckett 2.

Council Meeting 15 September 2015.

This meeting was an **Extraordinary meeting of Council** to elect the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, the appointment/approval of Committees, Delegates Representatives and the receipt of various committees' annual reports.

There was an apology from Councillor Paine (I).

Election of Mayor: the General Manager Mr Jackson (chair) announced he had received two nominations, Councillors Lyons-Buckett and Councillor Ford.

He declared Councillor Ford elected 7 votes, Councillors Ford (L), Conolly (L), Creed (L), Reardon (L), Mackay (L) Tree (L) and Porter (I). Councillor Lyons-Buckett received 4 votes, Councillors Lyon-Buckett (I), Calvert (ALP), Williams (G) and Rasmussen (I).

There were two nominations for Deputy Mayor, Councillors Calvert and Councillor Mackay.

Councillor Ford (chair) declared Councillor Mackay elected 7 votes, Councillors Ford (L), Conolly (L), Creed (L), Reardon (L), Mackay (L) Tree (L) and Porter (I). Councillor Calvert received 4 votes, Councillors Lyon-Buckett (I), Calvert (ALP), Williams (G) and Rasmussen (I).

Comment: It is the CoM view that the Mayor and Deputy Mayor's positions were not determined on merit.

Council has 10 Committees of Council, see BP p11-12; 3 Statutory Committees, see BP P12-13; 7 Committees where Council has a Financial Interest, see BP P13 and 4 now 3, Other Committees, see p13-14.

There were 8 Committees of Council's Annual Reports tabled and Youth Participation in Council's affairs was also in the BP p29-30.

Authorised by NRDCOA CoM, September 2015.