

Council Meeting Minutes

12 December 2023

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115 Civic Parade, Altona

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COUNCIL



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We will listen, engage and work with our community to plan, deliver and advocate for Hobsons Bay to secure a happy, healthy, fair and sustainable future for all.

OUR VALUES

Respectful
Community driven and focused
Trusted and reliable
Efficient and responsible
Bold and innovative
Accountable and transparent
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Chairperson:

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| Cr Matt Tyler (Mayor) | Wetlands Ward |
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Councillors:

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| Cr Antoinette Briffa JP | Cherry Lake Ward |
| Cr Diana Grima | Wetlands Ward |
| Cr Peter Hemphill | Strand Ward |
| Cr Daria Kellander | Cherry Lake Ward |
| Cr Jonathon Marsden | Strand Ward |
| Cr Pamela Sutton-Legaud (Deputy Mayor) | Strand Ward |

Aaron van Egmond
Chief Executive Officer
Hobsons Bay City Council

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**Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 12 December 2023 at
7.14pm.****Present****Chairperson**

Cr Matt Tyler (Mayor) Wetlands Ward

Councillors

Cr Antoinette Briffa JP Cherry Lake Ward

Cr Daria Kellander Cherry Lake Ward

Cr Peter Hemphill Strand Ward

Cr Jonathon Marsden Strand Ward

Cr Pamela Sutton-Legaud (Deputy Mayor) Strand Ward

Officers

Mr Aaron van Egmond Chief Executive Officer

Mr Andrew McLeod Director Corporate Services

Mr Sanjay Manivasagasivam Acting Director Sustainable Communities

Mr Jake Trevaskis Acting Director Infrastructure and City Services

Ms Diane Eyckens Manager Corporate Integrity and Legal Counsel

Ms Irene Hills-Jones Minute Secretary

1 Council Welcome and Acknowledgement

The Chairperson welcomed members of the public and acknowledged the Bunurong People of the Kulin Nation as the Traditional Owners of these municipal lands and waterways.

2 Apologies

The Chairperson called for apologies received from Councillors who are unable to attend this meeting.

Motion

Moved Cr Antoinette Briffa, seconded Cr Jonathon Marsden:

That Council accepts an apology from Cr Diana Grima

Carried unanimously

3 Disclosure of Interest

In accordance with sections 127 and 128 of the *Local Government Act 2020* Councillors and staff are required to disclose a general or material conflict of interest. A conflict of interest must be disclosed in accordance with rule 15.3 of the Hobsons Bay Governance Rules.

Disclosure must occur immediately before the matter is considered or discussed.

Cr Peter Hemphill declared an interest in multiple items that mentioned the Seaworks Foundation or Seaworks Maritime Precinct, due to his position as a Director and Treasurer of the Seaworks Foundation:

- 8.3.2 Economic Development Strategy 2023-28 – Cr Hemphill stated that this was not a substantive interest and he did not intend to leave the Chamber during this item.
- 8.4.2 West Gate Tunnel Project Update – Cr Hemphill stated this was also not a substantive interest and he did not intend to leave the Chamber, although later when the item came up for discussion, he decided to leave to be certain.
- 9.2 Delegate Reports – Cr Hemphill stated that the Western Melbourne Tourism Board report refers to an ongoing issue he is actively involved in, and he intended to leave the Chamber during this item.

4 Confirmation of Minutes

4.1 Confirmation of Minutes

Confirmation of the minutes of the Council Meetings of Hobsons Bay City Council held on 10 November 2023 and 14 November 2023 (copies previously circulated).

Motion

Moved Cr Antoinette Briffa, seconded Cr Jonathon Marsden:

That Council confirms the minutes of the Council Meetings of Hobsons Bay City Council held on 10 November 2023 and 14 November 2023.

Carried unanimously

5 Councillor Questions

Cr Daria Kellander asked whether beaches will have a paid lifeguard service to protect residents and visitors to our beaches every day over the upcoming school holiday break.

Mr Jake Trevaskis, Acting Director Infrastructure and City Services, confirmed that both the Altona Lifesaving Club and Williamstown Swimming and Lifesaving Club will have access to a paid lifeguard service over the upcoming summer period and help with peak periods, through an agreement between Life Saving Victoria and the clubs.

Cr Daria Kellander asked whether Council provides residents with any form of assistance for snakes on their properties.

Mr Jake Trevaskis, Acting Director Infrastructure and City Services, said that Council does support a snake catching service when snakes are found on residential properties, and that residents are encouraged to call Council's customer service (1300 179 944) and that request will be processed. There is a brochure available on Council's website that residents can download and review to help minimise the sightings of snakes on their properties.

Cr Daria Kellander asked whether there was an annual budget for Christmas decorations, and if so, what it was and what it involves.

Mr Jake Trevaskis, Acting Director Infrastructure and City Services, said that Council has an annual budget of approximately \$50,000 for Christmas decorations, which includes costs associated with installation and removal, storage, and maintenance where required. Decorations are installed in Council's key activity centres.

Cr Peter Hemphill referred back to previous questions he had asked regarding the signal sequencing at the intersection of Millers Road and Mason Street, particularly the right hand turn into Mason Street, and asked how often Council has raised that with the Department of Transport and Planning (DTP) and what sort of response has been received.

Mr Jake Trevaskis, Acting Director Infrastructure and City Services, said that Council has raised a number of requests with the DTP in relation to the sequencing of signals but is yet to receive a response. Mr Trevaskis said that Council will escalate the issue with them and provide a response offline.

Cr Peter Hemphill asked when Council would likely be able to organise a meeting with the DTP, as he has requested this in the past.

Mr Aaron van Egmond, Chief Executive Officer, said that Council will be inviting the DTP to a Council briefing in the early part of next year, but is still waiting on confirmation of the date.

Cr Peter Hemphill said that in a recent briefing to Council from senior management of the Level Crossing Removal Project (LXRP), the LXRP representatives had stated there was no option to other than to close Champion Road due to the adjacent pipelines. However, Council had since met with engineers from Mobil regarding this issue, and Cr Hemphill wished for the outcomes of that discussion to be stated to the public gallery.

Mr Sanjay Manivasagasivam, Acting Director Sustainable Communities, confirmed that Council had held a discussion with Mobil engineers and they have indicated that they are open to all options and are happy to work with Council and the LXRP to find a suitable solution.

Cr Hemphill remarked that this meant the pipeline issue was “not a showstopper”, and Mr Manivasagasivam agreed.

Cr Peter Hemphill asked about Council's plan to plant trees specifically along the Rifle Range estate and the Bay, and whether Council was aware of an agreement between the former Urban Land Authority and former Williamstown Council regarding urban design guidelines for the Rifle Range estate, in particular about planting in corridors and maintaining views to the Bay.

Mr Jake Trevaskis, Acting Director Infrastructure and City Services, said that Council is aware of those historical urban design guidelines, which were developed in the 1990s, and that the guidelines will be assessed further along with the feedback received from the public exhibition of the planting plan.

Cr Hemphill asked whether Council was aware of the urban design guidelines at the time of endorsing the planting plan for public exhibition, or whether they had only been made aware more recently. Mr Trevaskis said that they had only recently been made aware.

6 Public Question Time

The Chairperson highlighted that a number of questions submitted to Public Question Time were unable to be addressed publicly by Council as they related to regulatory, enforcement and contractual matters, and that he had been advised that individuals who submitted those questions had been informed that their questions would not be read out at the meeting.

PQT questions relating to affordable housing and public housing

John O'Hagan

Q What percentage of private rental properties in Hobsons Bay are affordable to very low income households, and to people relying on Jobseeker or Youth allowance?

A According to Council's Housing Monitor Dashboard, 6 per cent of private rental properties in Hobsons Bay were affordable for very low-income households in 2022-23. This equated to 190 properties across the year.

Q How many people in Hobsons Bay are experiencing homelessness?

A According to the ABS, there were 297 people experiencing homelessness on Census night in 2021. This mainly comprises people living in boarding houses, supported accommodation for the homeless, and severely overcrowded dwellings.

Q In July this year, Council stated that "there is an urgent need for affordable housing in Hobsons Bay". Does Council stand by this statement today?

A The Affordable Housing Policy recently adopted by Council identifies there is an urgent need for affordable housing in Hobsons Bay. This Policy will guide Council's efforts to increase the supply of Affordable Housing in Hobsons Bay.

Helen Sinnema

Q How many households in Hobsons Bay are on the waiting list for public housing?

A Council does not have data on the waiting list for public housing that is specific to Hobsons Bay.

Q Which of the public housing estates in Hobsons Bay does the state government plan to demolish, and when?

A There are two towers in Hobsons Bay that form part of the Victorian Government's Public Housing Renewal Program, specifically Nelson Heights (235 Nelson Place, Williamstown) and Floyd Lodge (63 Hanmer Street, Williamstown). Timing is yet to be confirmed.

- Q** How many individual dwellings will the demolition of public housing in Hobsons Bay impact, and how many Hobsons Bay residents will have to leave their homes as a result?
- A** Council has written to the Minister for Housing seeking more information on the scope and potential implications of the Public Housing Renewal Program.

PQT questions relating to all three Williamstown concept plans

Anthony Johnson

- Q** Will Council acknowledge that its decision to present three complex and contentious concept plans for the redevelopment of the Williamstown Foreshore was folly on its part (ill-considered and poorly actioned) and has led to unnecessary community division and angst?
- A** Council made a considered decision to present the three projects on public exhibition simultaneously, to give the community an opportunity to provide feedback on precinct developments holistically. A range of feedback, both positive and negative, has been received on various aspects of all three projects.
- Q** Will Council acknowledge that it should have created a thorough plan for involving the community, including partnering with residents (including children and young people) to jointly develop design principles and concepts acceptable to everyone for enhancing the Williamstown foreshore?
- A** The eight-week public exhibition period was designed to provide the community with a number of opportunities to provide their feedback. A letterbox drop of residential properties within 200m of the foreshore was completed, and signs were erected onsite to make the community aware of the opportunities to provide their feedback online. Two drop-in sessions were also available for the community to discuss the plans in more detail.
- The feedback will be reviewed in consultation with key project stakeholders including club representatives.
- Q** Will Council cease its deliberations on the current concept plans and now work with Williamstown residents to create alternative design principles and plans for the designated foreshore areas, addressing concerns such as ensuring the concept plans align with the 1991 agreement between Council and Urban Land A relating to the management of the rifle range estate including the foreshore area, improving open grassland conditions, enhancing safety on shared footpaths, involving residents in designing the WSLSC including decisions concerning the future of the pool, addressing neglected foreshore areas, and adopting a more strategic approach to planting trees for better canopy coverage, especially in areas prone to urban heat buildup?
- A** Following the conclusion of the public exhibition period, all feedback will be reviewed and considered by officers. Once a review of this information is completed, a "What We Heard" report will be shared with the community and will eventually inform a report to Council.

Rebecca Theofanidou

Q The Williamstown Foreshore, Rifle Range Planting and WSLSC plans have generated strong emotion and response by the community. While we may not all see eye to eye on this issue, one thing that is indisputable is the long history and nostalgia of Williamstown is very much valued by the greater community and previous Councils.

Are the current Councillors representing the people of Hobsons Bay today willing to be the first Council in more than 100 years to fail to preserve the historic Williamstown Beach promenade?

A Councillors will consider all aspects of the three Williamstown foreshore projects, aiming to make well-informed decisions that safeguard the historical integrity of the Williamstown Beach promenade. This process will involve striking a balance between the current and future needs of the community as well as adherence to any regulatory requirements.

Elena Hatzioannou

Q The heading on Council's website for community consultation on the foreshore plans says "Upgrading the Williamstown Foreshore". Does Council consider taking away a pool from the Surf Club, cluttering the beach with trees and metal structures an improvement or enhancement for the historic Williamstown beach?

A Council considers the proposals for each of the three plans to be appropriate and in the interest of the current and future needs to the municipality. Council, as always, welcomes community feedback including opposing views.

The feedback is currently being reviewed and will be summarised in a "What We Heard" report that will be publicly available.

Q My school, Westbourne Grammar, have committed to support my fellow students and I in being here today and for our 'Voice of the Child' petition that received around 400 signatures in two days.

Will Council respond to the "Voice of the Child" petition and work with us to find a way to keep our pool open and find the best locations to plant trees in Hobsons Bay?

A Council is unable comment on petitions until they have been officially received, but looks forward to receiving the petition in future.

Q The tree planting and permanent shade structures proposed by Council to the Williamstown Beach are significant and irreversible alterations.

How many years has the Williamstown beach foreshore been preserved in its current state?

A The Williamstown beach foreshore precinct has been continuously changing over time. This has included changes to open space, roads and footpaths and community buildings.

Anita Harraway

Q Page 21 of the current agenda states that “strengthening communications with community will be a key focus for Cr Tyler this term”. What community consultation did Council conduct (along with the WSLSC) prior to the eight-week public consultation period?

A Prior to the concept plans being approved for public exhibition at the October Council meeting, an engagement process was completed with nominated Williamstown Swimming and Life Saving Club representatives and the club’s technical advisory committee. In addition, engagement also occurred with Life Saving Victoria and the Victorian Government to produce the concept plans on display.

The concept plans were on public exhibition for eight weeks to provide opportunities for the local community to provide their feedback.

PQT questions relating to the Rifle Range Planting Plan**David Walker**

Q The Rifle Range Planting Plan talks about planting two new trees every 20 metres, creating a “framed view” of the bay.

It appears in the proposed diagrams that where trees already exist, new trees are still planted and simply placed around the existing trees, creating sub-10m spacing in some areas. This effectively creates a wall of trees instead of a frame, completely blocking views.

Is this Council’s intention or simply an oversight on the design that will be rectified by ensuring no new trees are planted closer than 20m apart to new or existing trees?

A In the proposed planting plan, trees are proposed at 20m intervals along the shared trail pathway.

The concept plan will be refined to identify any existing trees into the avenue and accommodate planting at 20m intervals from existing trees.

Habitat enrichment plantings are proposed to expand existing environmentally significant areas that consist of a mixed planting palette of understorey plantings.

Q Is Council aware of the initial design philosophy of the Urban Land Authority for the Rifle Range estate and the 1991 legal agreement between the ULA and the Williamstown Council to enforce this philosophy? This philosophy states one of the aims is to “maximise views of Port Phillip Bay”. If Council is aware of this agreement, can they make available any legal advice they may have why obstructing views of Port Phillip Bay isn’t going against this agreement and expose Council to legal action?

A Council is aware of the historical Urban Design Guidelines developed in the 1990s for the Rifle Range Reserve at Williamstown. The Guidelines do not preclude contemporary tree plantings within the Reserve. However, Council’s planting project is supported by Council’s Urban Forest Strategy 2020, Tree Policy 2021, Canopy Delivery Plan 2022, Planning Scheme strategic direction, and its Response to Climate Change Action Plan 2022.

Q Given that there seems to be consensus in research that an unobstructed water view adds between 30% to 80% to the value of a property, has Council calculated what will be the total cost in reduced property prices to affected waterfront residents of Williamstown? If it hasn't, can Council explain why this is not a factor in the design process?

A Thank you for raising the matter in relation to property values and tree planting. Council is unaware of any evidence to connect tree planting and a reduction in property values. Council would be appreciative of being provided with the research you are referring to as part of its consultation process.

Bruno DiFabrizio

Q Will Council honour and respect the legally signed "Williamstown Rifle Range" Development & Urban Design Agreement which stipulates that "open-space corridors are to maximise views to Port Phillip Bay ... stating the Range Urban Design Guidelines ... are prepared to create and protect special qualities ... of The Range."

A This question has been answered earlier.

Q Why is this consultation process only to validate Council's designs with no alternative design input from residents and ratepayers? The consultation and design process for the Rifle Range Planting Plan must be a partnership.

A Community consultation associated with this project focused on seeking opinions on preferred species types and providing background to the design process that is strongly aligned with several Council policies and strategies.

Q Is there a cost benefit analysis and/or any impacting safety aspect of the tree planting? Has Council conducted any data survey which includes: who, how, when and number of travellers using this path?

A Data surveys to identify users of the trail have not been conducted as part of this project.

Christina de Sousa Himi

Q Does Council acknowledge that the planting of trees every 20 metres will decrease parking spots, and therefore increase congestion during peak periods? What plans does Council have to alleviate these parking concerns?

A Tree planting at 20 metre intervals is proposed along the shared trail of Rifle Range Reserve. This will not impact car parking or traffic congestion.

Q Does Council acknowledge that the planting of trees along the foreshore will block views and therefore impact property value not only for foreshore residents but for all residents?

A Council is not aware of any evidence suggesting negative property value or community impacts due to enhanced tree planting.

Michelle McQuade

Q Are there any future plans for an upgrade to the shared path on the Rifle Range? The shared path is already dangerous during peak times with multiple users including dogs, prams, Bikes, Joggers and Walkers all trying to share the one narrow path. Many times pedestrians have to navigate getting off the track in order to pass one another. To add further obstructions of mass tree planting will only add to the ongoing safety issue of the path which requires an upgrade.

A There are no current plans for a full upgrade of the shared trail path on the Rifle Range. The path though will be inspected consistent with other paths throughout the municipality and will be maintained where required.

The new trees are proposed to be planted in low density style with a single trunk, approximately two metres from the path to maintain sight lines for trail users.

Q Why is Council proposing to plant a massive number of trees at the expense of protecting water views along the foreshore? The major attraction to these areas is to enjoy the bay and beaches. The addition of tall trees to the area would only create restricted views of the bay for both pedestrians on the path and restricted views to all waterfront properties, the wetland area on the Rifle Range has already seen a large influx of trees over the years. Vegetation in this area has already increased creating restricted viewing of the wetlands and the Bay.

A As identified in the Hobsons Bay Urban Forest Strategy, canopy cover within the municipality was less than 7%. Accordingly, Council has planted over 60,000 tube stock, shrubs and advanced trees across the municipality in its attempt to increase canopy cover to 40%.

Q Can Council please elaborate and explain the reaction to what happened along the Altona Meadows Foreshore Tree Planting project and the subsequent removal by Council of half the trees.

A Council decided to remove every second tree to allow an approximate 20m spacing between the trees, in response to the petition received that called for all plantings to be removed along the Bay Trail in Altona Meadows. During the consultation period, 96% of respondents provided support for the planting project.

Rebecca Theofanidou

Q Hobsons Bay's proposed tree planting scheme will impact hundreds of home owners' water views, which determines a significant portion of a property's value. Why does Council place a reduced importance of voting residents that own properties with water views in its municipality?

A Council treats all residents and community members equally.

The concept plans were on public exhibition for eight weeks to provide opportunities for the local community to provide their feedback. This period included door knocking immediately adjacent residential properties, a letterbox drop to all properties within 200 metres of the open space, signage on site for users of the reserve, an online survey and three drop-in sessions.

PQT questions relating to the Williamstown foreshore

Rebecca Theofanidou

Q Has Council considered a sun smart initiative where a large number of visitors could hire umbrellas, cabanas and beach chairs at an affordable price in the summer months, which is packed up at the end of the day and won't obstruct sea views or needlessly change Williamstown's historic beachfront?

A Council has not explored the possibility of commercialising the Williamstown Beach area. The beach is a public space, free to use by the local community and visitors to the area.

Christina de Sousa Himi

Q With regard to the proposed shade canopies, is Council able to reference any other Victorian council which has implemented this style of fixed shading?

A There is a range of shade and shelter infrastructure around the Victorian bay areas. Council welcomes all feedback on different options which will help create safe and welcoming spaces for the community and visitors to the area.

Benjamin Theofanidou

Q I am 11 years old. I spend time at Williamstown Beach and the Foreshore every day. I am also a member of the Williamstown Surf Life Saving Club and I will be affected by Council's proposed plans.

Does Hobsons Bay City Council consider the children and young people of Hobsons Bay as important citizens even though we can't vote in Council elections yet?

A Council absolutely values children and young people's needs in our operations.

Q Williamstown Beach has become a very special place to me, my friends and my brother and sister. I'm worried that Council's tree planting and permanent shade plans will change the openness and historic feel of the beach, and that my 4-year-old sister will never remember the beach as it is today.

Will Council consider alternative locations for tree planting so we can have more trees in Hobsons Bay as well as preserve Williamstown Beach?

A The proposed plantings along the Williamstown Beach Precinct have been planned in accordance with industry best practice and Council's adopted strategies and policy. Williamstown Beach's historic feel will be preserved through the design.

- Q I have spoken with around a hundred people about Hobsons Bay's Williamstown Beach Foreshore and Surf Club plans when I helped ask for signatures to support the "Voice of the Child" petition. Most people I spoke with had very strong feelings and were happy to sign the petition. Does Council agree it was a mistake not to consult the home owners, residents and schools that would be affected by the Williamstown Foreshore plans beforehand?**
- A** Council has consulted widely with our community, including homeowners and residents. The eight-week public exhibition period was designed to provide the community with a number of opportunities to provide their feedback. A letterbox drop of residential properties within 200m of the foreshore was completed, and signs were erected onsite to make the community aware of the opportunities to provide their feedback online. Two drop-in sessions were also available for the community to discuss the plans in more detail.

PQT questions relating to the Biodiversity Strategy and Industrial Land Management Strategy

Gordon Lescinsky

- Q What method and frequency does Council intend to use to report to the community and other stakeholders on the implementation of the Biodiversity Strategy, including progress and challenges?**
- A** Implementation of the Biodiversity Strategy will be overseen by an internal Steering Group with progress reported annually through Council's Annual Report and on Council's website.
- Q Hobsons Bay has endangered grasslands ecosystems, some within or adjacent to industrial land, that are protected under state and federal law, and ensuring their protection is a goal in the Biodiversity Strategy. Ideally Council's anticipated Industrial Land Management Strategy needs to share the same goal because it involves planning mechanisms. Has Council aligned the two strategies so that together they will provide a clear path to achieving the goal?**
- A** Yes, both strategies are aligned towards this goal of retaining areas of significant native grasslands within Hobsons Bay. Council has already commenced work on a project called "Mapping our native grasslands", which involves field work that will inform new planning controls for native grassland areas.
- Q Noting that both the strategies require significant conservation and planning work, how soon will Council commence that work after anticipated adoption and is the work resourced in the current budget?**
- A** The actions from the strategies once adopted will inform next year's operational budget (2024-25). Some projects however have already been funded and have commenced this financial year, including the "Mapping our native grasslands" project which aims to inform future planning controls.

Brooke Caddell

Q Council's draft Industrial Land Management Strategy notes the importance of protecting remnant grasslands on industrial land, while the draft Biodiversity Strategy notes that since 2016, 172ha of high-value grasslands have been cleared for development with roughly the same amount now remaining on private, mostly industrial land. Both draft strategies mention Environmental Significance Overlays (ESO) as a way to protect these high-quality remnants.

Is Council open to obtaining external planning expertise in order to ensure that any ESOs are worded to provide the strongest possible protection, and also to investigate other planning mechanisms which may offer additional protection?

A Council has commissioned environmental consultants to undertake field work to map native grasslands over the spring and summer months. Council will prepare a draft Environmental Significance Overlay (ESO) based on the outcomes of this field work and in collaboration with the environmental consultant, who has experience with ESOs for native grasslands. An ESO is considered the appropriate planning tool to identify and protect native grasslands at a local level.

Q Both the draft Industrial Land Management Strategy and the Biodiversity Strategy mention the importance of connectivity between remnant patches of grassland in order to help preserve genetic diversity and maximise habitat wherever possible. These strategies also mention legislative requirements to provide offset sites where native vegetation is permitted to be cleared. However non-local offset sites present a net loss for Hobsons Bay, potentially impacting opportunities to preserve or establish connectivity. An offset policy, as mentioned in the Biodiversity Strategy, explicitly aimed at retaining local offsets, seems to be an important part of grassland conservation efforts. Does Council plan to develop such a policy and if so, when?

A Yes, a key action in the Biodiversity Strategy is the adoption of Hobsons Bay Native Vegetation Offset Guidelines to guide offsets in development applications. This is due to be completed within the 2024 calendar year.

PQT questions on other subjects

Julia Ius

Q The comprehensive development plan vision for Precinct 15 says that "streets will be extensively planted with trees" and that "a mix of sustainable transport solutions have been provided". Contrary to this, Council planning permits in Precinct 15 include a condition on developers to "maximise" on-street parking. Why is Council contradicting its own vision by acquiescing public green space to private car storage?

A The private and public parking for developments in Precinct 15 meet the requirements of the Hobsons Bay Planning Scheme.

The Comprehensive Development Plan (CDP) also outlines on-street parking provision, in addition to other transport solutions. This plan also accommodates for public tree planting.

Council is ensuring that the development is consistent with the CDP.

- Q** What, if anything, prevents Council from putting a condition on developers to minimise on-street car parking rather than maximise nature strip space? This would be more in line with Council strategies such as the Urban Forest Strategy and Better Places Brooklyn and Altona North.
- A** On-street parking is necessary to accommodate for all road users. Where there is an opportunity to remove driveways and increase public street parking and consequently nature strip space for tree planting, Council will work with development proposals to improve the public realm.
- Q** What, if anything, is Council doing to encourage developers to include dedicated spaces for car share schemes instead of excessive private car storage?
- A** The Hobsons Bay Planning Scheme sets out the requirements for car parking on development sites, including alternative transport options.

Rowena Joske

- Q** In 2021, councillors endorsed the Local Area Movement Plan for Spotswood and South Kingsville which stated that McLister Street in Spotswood would be treated with a "2.5m shared path on the south side of the road (likely to be constructed as part of McLister Street redevelopment) as well as dedicated bicycle lanes". The shared use path hasn't been provided as part of the McLister Street redevelopment, so can Council confirm whether is still committed to providing a shared bike and pedestrian path?
- A** The planning permit for the "Union Quarter" development on McLister Street was approved in 2017 and prior to the Local Area Movement Plan for Spotswood and South Kingsville. The public area on the south side of McLister Street does not have a dedicated 2.5m shared trail; it is a shared area for public use.

John Shaw

- Q** As the person who was responsible for dealing with Shell in the eventual establishment of the Shell service station in Altona Meadows, I am interested in ascertaining the following information regarding the service station:
- 1. Does the Council still own the freehold of the site?**
 - 2. If so, is it currently leased or licensed to Shell or another entity, and for how long is it leased or licensed?**
 - 3. What is the annual rent payable to the Council for use of the service station; what is the current Capital Improved Value of the site; and how much are the current Council rates on the site?**
- A** Council is the sole proprietor (freehold) for the premises known as 301-316 Queen Street, Altona Meadows.
- Details of the lease arrangements are commercial in confidence.

Laura Hernandez

Q Until late Friday afternoon, the page about council meetings on Council's website said "all council meetings are open to the public". On Friday afternoon, text appeared saying that members of the public must register to attend, will find out on Monday if you are accepted, and must show photo ID to enter. If you had checked the page on Friday morning, or any day over the past month, there would be no way to know that you can't attend the meeting without registering in advance. Why doesn't Council have this information clearly stated on their website at all times?

A Thank you for your feedback. We are in the process of updating our conditions of entry and our webpage and we will consider your feedback for our approach next year.

PQT questions relating to the Williamstown Swimming and Life Saving Club

Liz Goga

Q Accurate costing of repair of the pool in accordance with National Construction Code and Disability Act compliance has not been provided yet you suggest that it cannot be afforded. How can you justify this?

A Technical reports have detailed that the pool is nearing the end of its useful life. Cost estimates have been developed for the redevelopment of a new pool, but these do not align with the project budget.

The decision to proceed with the concept plan without a pool was supported by all project stakeholders including the WSLSC, Life Saving Victoria and the state government via the Department of Justice and Community Safety.

Q You state that maintaining our pool will pose a financial strain on the club yet you are proposing to remove one of the major sources of income in the form of rent from the kiosk. Some \$38,000 per annum rental would go a long way towards maintaining our pool. What justification can you give to removing that valuable rental income?

A Discussions relating to the lease arrangements across the entire site are ongoing. This includes arrangements for the kiosk and public toilets.

Q We the WSLSC are a swimming club as well as a lifesaving club and our training pool is a vital part of Club functionality. Our pool was built with funds raised by Club members and our local community. It has been maintained by members since it was built. Why now does Council feel it has the right to step in and remove our pool?

A A range of options including the redevelopment of the existing pool were considered throughout the concept design development stage.

The costs associated with the delivery of a pool limited the ability for the project to deliver the core lifesaving requirements that are set by Life Saving Victoria's "Lifesaving Facility of the Future" document.

The decision to proceed with concept plan without a pool was supported by all project stakeholders, include the WSLSC, Life Saving Victoria, and the state government via the Department of Justice and Community Safety.

Gemma Byrne

Q When did Williamstown Swimming and Lifesaving Club stop being part of Council's Aquatic Strategy? Page 17 clearly of the strategy clearly states it is, so how, when and why has it been abandoned?

A The Hobsons Bay Aquatic Strategy identifies Council's priorities for investment in swimming pools to service the municipality. The strategy identifies Council's highest priority for funding is towards a new facility at Bruce Comben Reserve, followed by future upgrades to Bayfit Leisure Centre.

Sarah Vincenzini

Q The WSLSC pool was previously part of Council's Aquatic Strategy document from 2019. Why has this changed?

A The WSLSC pool is acknowledged in within Aquatic Strategy. However, it is not a priority for redevelopment.

Q The current plans have not included options to cost repairing the pool and making it compliant or constructing a new pool shell inside the existing pool shell, which would be cost-effective alternatives to a new pool build or demolition. Will Council commit to listening to its constituents who are asking for all options for saving the pool to be explored, and provide its community with an opportunity to be heard on the future of this essential pool that has taught generations of life savers and local kids water safety?

A Following the closure of the public exhibition period, all feedback will be considered by the Council.

Q The pool and kiosk are essential to the financial viability of the club. In a recent survey of members, the pool was stated as overwhelmingly the primary reason for members to pay membership fees and join the club. And we know that the kiosk rent provides \$31,000 a year to the club's coffers and is estimated to be worth over \$100,000 in rent at least. Is it the council's intention with this redevelopment to financially ruin this beloved 100-year-old club or better it?

A Council is committed to delivering a redevelopment onsite that will support the current and future needs of the community.

Colin Drake

Q With new feedback from Hobsons Bay community members and members of the Williamstown swimming and lifesaving club can the Council see a way forward to keep and restore the existing outdoor pool at WS and LSC.

A This would be unachievable withing the current budget.

The retention of the existing pool would have significant budget implications as it would need to be upgraded to ensure it is compliant with current-day standards.

These budget implications would limit the ability for the project to deliver on the core lifesaving requirements that are set by Life Saving Victoria's "Lifesaving Facility of the Future" document.

Iain Dickson

Q Can Council please explain how the proposed design of the building is respectful of the neighbourhood context and heritage in the area?

A Heritage consultants have been engaged during the concept design development process. The concept design that was on public exhibition retains the heritage values of the precinct by retaining and refurbishing the main building/hall. The advice received is for this building to be retained and prominent. The materials and finishes of the building fabric will be further explored throughout future stages of design.

Q The revenue from the kiosk is used to support volunteer services. Why is Council taking control of the club kiosk when the club funded and built the kiosk to support the club and community?

A This question has been answered previously – the lease negotiations are ongoing.

Q Why is the Council hell-bent on removing the pool from the club and how will the club train its Nippers in water skills on these days? Will Council give our 450 Nipper members free access to the Mason Street pool when poor water quality events occur so they can continue their training in the water?

A There are no plans to modify or move the drain into Williamstown Bay.

The redevelopment of the swimming pool does not align with the current project budget.

The club is required to manage access to the water for any of its programs consistent with advice or guidelines from Life Saving Victoria. Free access to alternative swimming pools will not be provided to members of the Nippers program should the beach be closed.

Anita Harraway

Q Is Council going to request and provide current engineering investigation reports and a technical review report to support the current position of the WSLSC swimming pool?

A Technical audits relating to the swimming pool have been provided to the WSLSC committee and have been distributed to members. The swimming pool is nearing the end of its useful life. Replacement or refurbishment does not align with the project budget.

Q Is Council going to request and provide a current financial report to support the current position of the WSLSC swimming pool detailing the cost to fix and replace the pool?

A A range of reports, assessments and cost estimates have been completed relating to the swimming pool. These have been provided to the WSLSC committee for distribution to members.

Cost estimates to complete a renovation or full redevelopment of the pool does not align with the project budget.

7 Petitions and Joint Letters

7.1 Petitions and Joint Letters Received

7.1.1 Petition - Williamstown Foreshore Residents Group

Cr Peter Hemphill tabled a petition which read as follows:

The Williamstown Foreshore Residents Group (WFRG) has come together with common concerns relating to the Hobson's Bay Council (HBCC) proposal to plant tall trees, erect structures and redevelop the Williamstown Life Saving Club including the closure of the pool. The WFRG seeks fair and reasonable changes to protect the amenity of residents and users of the Williamstown foreshore, through meaningful and thorough community consultation.

This petition requests HBCC to halt any further deliberation or action on its 3 Williamstown Foreshore Concept Plans until the following actions are taken:

1. A thorough safety assessment to address the impact of tree planting on the amenity of the foreshore conservation area (including impact on grasslands and impacts on the shared trail path including concerns about pedestrian and bike rider safety).
2. Conducting a comprehensive visual impact study to assess the potential consequences on sea views.
3. An economic impact study to understand the potential effects on property prices in the surrounding areas.
4. Engaging with the community through public forums and meetings to ensure our concerns are heard and considered. This project requires consultation to ensure a design that balances the needs of the community, prior to being carried out.
5. Exploring alternative landscaping options in partnership with residents that balance the need to increase tree canopy cover across the municipality with the preservation of scenic views.
6. Exploring alternative redevelopment options in partnership with residents for the Williamstown Life Saving Club

Motion

Moved Cr Peter Hemphill, seconded Cr Antoinette Briffa:

That Council:

1. **Receives and notes the petition in relation to community consultation relating to concept plans for the Williamstown Foreshore Reserve.**
2. **Subject to a review of the petition in accordance with the Hobsons Bay Governance Rules, receives a further report on this matter at a future Council Meeting.**

Carried unanimously

7.2 Responses to Petitions and Joint Letters

7.2.1 Response to Petition - Request to remove parking lines on Davies Street, Altona

Directorate: Infrastructure and City Services
Responsible Officer: Manager Capital Works
Reviewer: Director Infrastructure and City Services
Attachments: Nil

Purpose

To receive and provide a response to a petition relating to on street parking bays in Davies Street, Altona.

Recommendation

That Council:

1. **Receives and notes the petition requesting that Council removes the parking bay line marking in Davies Street, Altona, between Railway Street South and the Esplanade.**
2. **Works with residents to modify the line marking at specific locations where appropriate.**
3. **Writes to the lead petitioner advising of the Council decision.**

Motion

Moved Cr Antoinette Briffa, seconded Cr Daria Kellander:

That Council:

1. **Receives and notes the petition requesting that Council removes the parking bay line marking in Davies Street, Altona, between Railway Street South and the Esplanade.**
2. **Works with residents to modify the line marking at specific locations where appropriate.**
3. **Writes to the lead petitioner advising of the Council decision.**

Carried

7.2.2 Response to Petition - Request to alter parking restrictions on the Esplanade, Altona to improve access for kayaking

Directorate: Infrastructure and City Services
Responsible Officer: Manager Capital Works
Reviewer: Director Infrastructure and City Services
Attachments: Nil

Purpose

To provide Council with a response to the petition requesting modifications to existing paid parking restrictions on The Esplanade, Altona from Bayview Street to Millers Road near Flemings Pool to improve access for kayaking.

Recommendation

That Council:

1. **Makes no changes to the existing parking restrictions on The Esplanade, Altona from Bayview Street to Millers Road at this time.**
2. **Assesses the future parking requirements in this space with the findings of surveys and observations being conducted before and after the introduction of parking meters.**
3. **Writes to the lead petitioner advising of the Council decision.**

Motion

Moved Cr Daria Kellander, seconded Cr Jonathon Marsden:

That Council:

1. **Makes no changes to the existing parking restrictions on The Esplanade, Altona from Bayview Street to Millers Road at this time.**
2. **Assesses the future parking requirements in this space with the findings of surveys and observations being conducted before and after the introduction of parking meters.**
3. **Writes to the lead petitioner advising of the Council decision.**

Carried unanimously

7.2.3 Response to Petition and Council Motion - Altona Lifesaving Club - Request for volunteer parking passes

Directorate: Corporate Services
Responsible Officer: Manager Corporate Integrity and Legal Counsel
Reviewer: Director Corporate Services
Attachments: Nil

Purpose

To provide Council with a response to the petition requesting that Altona Lifesaving Club (ALSC) be provided with Council-issued parking permits for volunteer lifesavers for additional parking, and also provide a response to the Council motion requesting the formation of a Summer Foreshore Safety Parking Policy.

Recommendation

That Council:

- 1. Notes that the Altona Lifesaving Club and Williamstown Swimming and Life Saving Club already had provisions for dedicated parking on their Council-provided club sites.**
- 2. Provides alternative parking options, including an additional six dedicated parking spaces for the volunteer lifesavers.**
- 3. Notes that signage will be erected, and Life Saving Volunteer permits will be provided to the clubs valid throughout the summer lifesaving patrol period.**
- 4. Notes that enforcement will be undertaken by Council officers to ensure that parking spaces are used exclusively for lifesaving volunteers during this period.**
- 5. Writes to the lead petitioner advising of the outcome.**

Motion

Moved Cr Antoinette Briffa, seconded Cr Daria Kellander:

That Council:

- 1. Notes that the Altona Lifesaving Club and Williamstown Swimming and Life Saving Club already had provisions for dedicated parking on their Council provided club sites.**
- 2. Provides alternative parking options, including an additional six dedicated parking spaces for the volunteer lifesavers.**
- 3. Notes that signage will be erected, and Life Saving Volunteer permits will be provided to the clubs valid throughout the summer lifesaving patrol period.**
- 4. Notes that enforcement will be undertaken by Council officers to ensure that parking spaces are used exclusively for lifesaving volunteers during this period.**
- 5. Writes to the lead petitioner advising of the outcome.**

Carried unanimously

8 Business

8.1 Office of the Chief Executive

8.1.1 Chief Executive Officer's Report on Operations - November 2023

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| Directorate: | Office of the Chief Executive |
| Responsible Officer: | Executive Assistant to the Chief Executive Officer |
| Reviewer: | Chief Executive Officer |
| Attachments: | CEO Report on Operations - November 2023 [8.1.1.1 - 52 pages] |

Purpose

To present the Chief Executive Officer's (CEO's) Report on Operations for November 2023.

Recommendation

That Council receives and notes the Chief Executive Officer's Report on Operations, including details of recent issues and initiatives undertaken by the organisation.

Motion

Moved Cr Jonathon Marsden, seconded Cr Pamela Sutton-Legaud:

That Council receives and notes the Chief Executive Officer's Report on Operations, including details of recent issues and initiatives undertaken by the organisation.

Carried

Councillor Movements

Cr Daria Kellander left the Chamber at 8.36pm and was not present for the vote on this item.

8.2 Corporate Services

8.2.1 2023-24 Mayoral Program

Directorate: Corporate Services
Responsible Officer: Manager Communications, Engagement and Advocacy
Reviewer: Director Corporate Services
Attachments: Nil

Purpose

To update Councillors and the community on the areas of focus for the 2023-24 mayoral term of Cr Matt Tyler.

Recommendation

That Council notes the proposed 2023-24 mayoral focus areas of the Mayor, Cr Matt Tyler.

Motion

Moved Cr Antoinette Briffa, seconded Cr Jonathon Marsden:

That Council notes the proposed 2023-24 mayoral focus areas of the Mayor, Cr Matt Tyler.

Carried unanimously

Councillor Movements

Cr Daria Kellander returned to the Chamber at 8.43pm during the discussion of this item.

8.2.2 Amended Council Meeting Timetable 2024

Directorate: Corporate Services
Responsible Officer: Manager Corporate Integrity and Legal Counsel
Reviewer: Director Corporate Services
Attachments: Nil

Purpose

To adopt the amended 2024 Council Meeting Timetable.

Recommendation

That Council:

1. Adopts the Council Meeting Timetable to 31 December 2024 as listed in the report.
2. Provides appropriate public notice of the Council meeting dates, including by publication on Council's website, in accordance with the Hobsons Bay Governance Rules.

Motion

Moved Cr Peter Hemphill, seconded Cr Antoinette Briffa:

That Council:

1. Adopts the Council Meeting Timetable to 31 December 2024 as listed in the report, with the addition of a Council Briefing session on Wednesday 6 November 2024.
2. Notes that all meetings after the Council election on 26 October 2024 are subject to change.
3. Provides appropriate public notice of the Council meeting dates, including by publication on Council's website, in accordance with the Hobsons Bay Governance Rules.

Carried/Lost

8.2.3 Appointment of Councillor Delegates and Proxies to Council and Community Committees

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| Directorate: | Corporate Services |
| Responsible Officer: | Manager Corporate Integrity and Legal Counsel |
| Reviewer: | Director Corporate Services |
| Attachments: | Appointment of Councillor Delegates and Proxies to Council and Community Committees [8.2.3.1 - 3 pages] |

Purpose

To formally appoint Councillor delegates and proxies to Council committees, community committees and other committees and groups for 2024.

Recommendation

That Council appoints Councillor delegates and proxies to Council, community and other committees and groups for 2024, as attached.

Motion

Moved Cr Pamela Sutton-Legaud, seconded Cr Peter Hemphill:

That Council:

- 1. Appoints Councillor delegates and proxies to Council, community and other committees and groups for 2024, with the exception that Cr Tyler and Cr Marsden become delegates to the Audit and Risk Committee, and Cr Hemphill becomes the proxy.**
- 2. As soon as possible, organises a women's advisory committee along with terms of reference similar to previous advisory groups established by previous councils, to be co-chaired by the Women's Charter champions.**

Carried unanimously

8.2.4 Contract 2023.13 Telecommunications

Directorate: Corporate Services
Responsible Officer: Manager Digital Services
Reviewer: Director Corporate Services
Attachments: Nil

Purpose

To seek Council approval for the provision of Telecommunications Services from Telstra Limited through the Victorian Telecommunications Services State Purchase Contract.

Recommendation

That Council awards Contract 2023.13 for Telecommunications to Telstra Limited on a Schedule of Rates basis at an estimated total sum of \$2,530,070 (two million, five hundred and thirty thousand and seventy dollars) including GST for the contract period of five years.

Motion

Moved Cr Peter Hemphill, seconded Cr Jonathon Marsden:

That Council awards Contract 2023.13 for Telecommunications to Telstra Limited on a Schedule of Rates basis at an estimated total sum of \$2,530,070 (two million, five hundred and thirty thousand and seventy dollars) including GST for the contract period of five years.

Carried unanimously

8.3 Sustainable Communities

8.3.1 Adoption of A Fair Hobsons Bay for All 2024-28

Directorate: Sustainable Communities

Responsible Officer: Manager Strategy, Economy and Sustainability

Reviewer: Director Sustainable Communities

Attachments:

1. A Fair Hobsons Bay for All 2024 28 Final [8.3.1.1 - 53 pages]
2. A Fair Hobsons Bay for All 2024-28 - Summary of Public Consultation [8.3.1.2 - 8 pages]
3. A Fair Hobsons Bay for All 2024-28 - 2023-24 Action Plan [8.3.1.3 - 6 pages]

Purpose

To seek adoption of A Fair Hobsons Bay for All 2024-28 and to note the 2023-24 Action Plan.

Recommendation

That Council:

1. Notes the feedback received on the draft integrated social policy framework, A Fair Hobsons Bay for All 2024-28.
2. Adopts A Fair Hobsons Bay for All 2024-28, updated in response to public consultation and feedback.
3. Writes to submitters thanking them for their feedback and advising them of Council's decision.
4. Notes the 2023-24 Action Plan.

Motion

Moved Cr Pamela Sutton-Legaud, seconded Cr Antoinette Briffa:

That Council:

1. Notes the feedback received on the draft integrated social policy framework, A Fair Hobsons Bay for All 2024-28.
2. Adopts A Fair Hobsons Bay for All 2024-28, updated in response to public consultation and feedback.
3. Writes to submitters thanking them for their feedback and advising them of Council's decision.
4. Notes the 2023-24 Action Plan.

Carried unanimously

Councillor Movements and Extension of Meeting

After the vote on item 8.3.1 and before discussion began on the next item, Cr Pamela Sutton-Legaud left the Chamber at 9.19pm.

At this point a motion was moved to extend the meeting running time.

Motion

Moved Cr Antoinette Briffa, seconded Cr Jonathon Marsden:

That Council extends the meeting time by 30 minutes.

Carried

8.3.2 Adoption of Economic Development Strategy 2023-28

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| Directorate: | Sustainable Communities |
| Responsible Officer: | Acting Manager Strategy, Economy and Sustainability |
| Reviewer: | Director Sustainable Communities |
| Attachments: | <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Economic Development Strategy 2023-28 FINAL [8.3.2.1 - 28 pages]2. Economic Development Strategy - Summary of open responses to feedback survey [8.3.2.2 - 3 pages] |

Purpose

To report on the outcomes of community consultation and recommend adoption of the Economic Development Strategy 2023-28.

Recommendation

That Council:

1. Notes the feedback received on the Draft Economic Development Strategy 2023-28.
2. Adopts the Economic Development Strategy 2023-28.
3. Writes to submitters thanking them for their feedback and advising them of Council's decision.

Motion

Moved Cr Jonathon Marsden, seconded Cr Antoinette Briffa:

That Council:

1. Notes the feedback received on the Draft Economic Development Strategy 2023-28.
2. Adopts the Economic Development Strategy 2023-28.
3. Writes to submitters thanking them for their feedback and advising them of Council's decision.

Carried unanimously

Councillor Movements

Cr Pamela Sutton-Legaud returned to the Chamber at 9.23pm during discussion on this item.

8.3.3 Provision of Landfill Services - Contract Extension

Directorate: Sustainable Communities
Responsible Officer: Manager Strategy, Economy and Sustainability
Reviewer: Director Sustainable Communities
Attachments: Nil

Purpose

To confirm Council's landfill arrangements from 1 April 2025.

Recommendation

That Council:

1. Enters into a two-year contract extension for landfill services commencing on 1 April 2025 with Cleanaway Pty Ltd to be administered by the Department of Energy Environment and Climate Action on a non-guaranteed basis with an estimated maximum value of \$2,000,000 (two million dollars) excluding GST and landfill levy costs.
2. Notes that Hanson Landfill Services Pty Ltd will be listed as a contingency provider also on a non-guaranteed basis.
3. Delegates to the Chief Executive Officer the power to vary the contract within the requirements of the Procurement Policy if necessary.

Motion

Moved Cr Peter Hemphill, seconded Cr Jonathon Marsden:

That Council:

1. Enters into a two-year contract extension for landfill services commencing on 1 April 2025 with Cleanaway Pty Ltd to be administered by the Department of Energy Environment and Climate Action on a non-guaranteed basis with an estimated maximum value of \$2,000,000 (two million dollars) excluding GST and landfill levy costs.
2. Notes that Hanson Landfill Services Pty Ltd will be listed as a contingency provider also on a non-guaranteed basis.
3. Delegates to the Chief Executive Officer the power to vary the contract within the requirements of the Procurement Policy if necessary.

Carried unanimously

8.4 Infrastructure and City Services

8.4.1 Adoption of the Hobsons Bay Biodiversity Strategy 2024-34

Directorate: Infrastructure and City Services
Responsible Officer: Manager Parks
Reviewer: Acting Director Infrastructure and City Services
Attachments: Biodiversity Strategy 2024-34 [8.4.1.1 - 24 pages]

Purpose

To seek Council's endorsement of the Hobsons Bay Biodiversity Strategy 2024-34.

Recommendation

That Council:

1. **Adopts the Hobsons Bay Biodiversity Strategy 2024-34.**
2. **Writes to all submitters on the draft strategy to thank them for their contribution.**

Motion

Moved Cr Pamela Sutton-Legaud, seconded Cr Jonathon Marsden:

That Council:

1. **Adopts the Hobsons Bay Biodiversity Strategy 2024-34.**
2. **Writes to all submitters on the draft strategy to thank them for their contribution.**

Carried unanimously

Councillor Movements

Cr Peter Hemphill left the Chamber at 9.35pm during discussion on Item 8.4.1 and returned at 9.39pm while discussion was still ongoing.

8.4.2 West Gate Tunnel Project Update - December 2023

Directorate: Infrastructure and City Services
Responsible Officer: Strategic Projects Specialist
Reviewer: Director Infrastructure and City Services
Attachments: Nil

Purpose

To provide a quarterly status report on the West Gate Tunnel Project (the Project) and associated initiatives, projects and advocacy activities.

Recommendation

That Council receives and notes this update on the status of the West Gate Tunnel Project and Council's advocacy on aspects of the Project.

Motion

Moved Cr Antoinette Briffa, seconded Cr Jonathon Marsden:

That Council receives and notes this update on the status of the West Gate Tunnel Project and Council's advocacy on aspects of the Project.

Carried

Councillor Movements

Cr Peter Hemphill removed himself from the meeting during this item in accordance with his previously declared interest in the matter, leaving the Chamber at 9.43pm and returning at 9.50pm.

9 Committee and Delegate Reports

9.1 Committee Reports

9.1.1 Delegated Planning Committee Update - Q1 and Q2 2023-24

Directorate: Sustainable Communities
Responsible Officer: Manager Planning, Building and Health
Reviewer: Director Sustainable Communities
Attachments: Nil

Purpose

To provide an update on the outcomes of the Delegated Planning Committee (DPC) for Quarter 1 and 2 of 2023-24.

Recommendation

That Council notes the outcomes of the Delegated Planning Committee for Quarter 1 and 2 of 2023-24.

Motion

Moved Cr Pamela Sutton-Legaud, seconded Cr Peter Hemphill:

That Council notes the outcomes of the Delegated Planning Committee for Quarter 1 and 2 of 2023-24.

Carried unanimously

10 Delegate Reports

Purpose

To consider reports by Councillors who have been appointed as delegates to Council and community committees.

Recommendation

That Council receives and notes the recent Delegate Reports.

Motion

Moved Cr Antoinette Briffa, seconded Cr Pamela Sutton-Legaud:

That Council receives and notes the recent Delegate Reports.

Carried

Councillor Movements

Cr Hemphill removed himself from the meeting during this item in accordance with his previously declared interest in the matter, leaving the Chamber at 9.54pm and returning at 10.00pm.

11 Notices of Motion

11.1 Notice of Motion No. 1248: World Heritage Potential for the Newport Railway Workshops

Cr Peter Hemphill has given notice of the following motion:

That Council calls on VicTrack to:

- a. **Carry out an updated Conservation Management Plan for the Newport Railway Workshops site.**
- b. **Prepare a Strategic Land Use Plan and a Heritage Interpretation Plan for the site.**
- c. **Work with Heritage Victoria, Council, heritage rail groups and any other relevant party to carry out all necessary work to lay the groundwork for a UNESCO World Heritage Listing for the Newport Railway Workshops.**

Motion

Moved Cr Peter Hemphill, seconded Cr Antoinette Briffa:

That Council calls on VicTrack to:

- a. **Carry out an updated Conservation Management Plan for the Newport Railway Workshops site.**
- b. **Prepare a Strategic Land Use Plan and a Heritage Interpretation Plan for the site.**
- c. **Work with Heritage Victoria, Council, heritage rail groups and any other relevant party to carry out all necessary work to lay the groundwork for a UNESCO World Heritage Listing for the Newport Railway Workshops.**

Carried unanimously

Extension of Meeting

Partway through the discussion of Item 11.1, a motion was moved to extend the meeting running time.

Motion

Moved Cr Antoinette Briffa, seconded Cr Jonathon Marsden:

That Council extends the meeting time by 30 minutes.

Carried

12 Supplementary Public Question Time

Nil

13 Urgent Business

Nil

14 Close of Meeting

There being no further business, the Chairperson declared the meeting closed at 10.18pm.



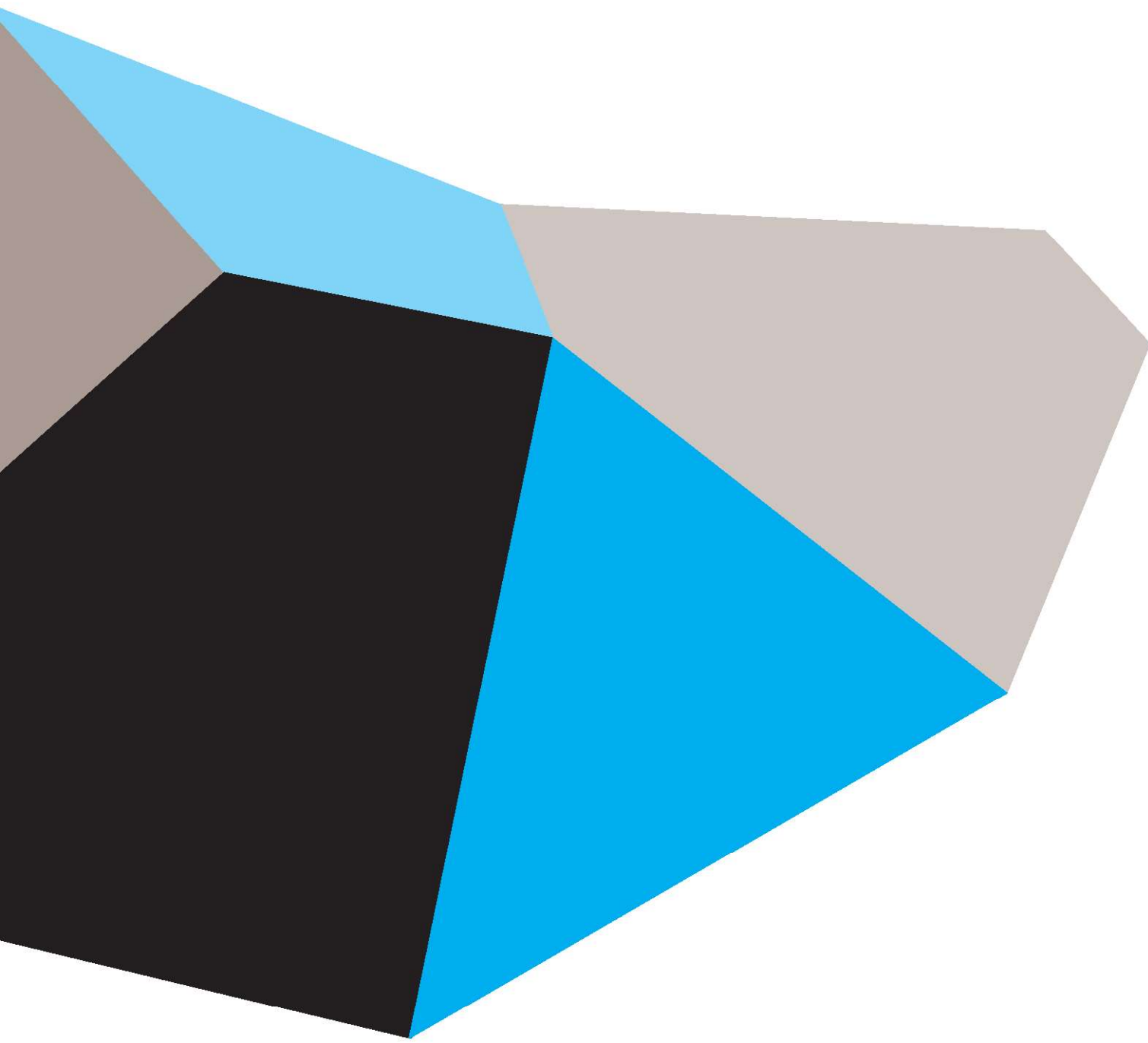
Chairperson – Cr Matt Tyler

Signed and certified as having been confirmed

13 February 2024

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