



Hawkesbury City Council

extraordinary
meeting
minutes

date of meeting: 16 February 2016

location: council chambers

time: 6:30 p.m.

EXTRAORDINARY MEETING

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MINUTES

- **WELCOME**
 - Acknowledgement of Indigenous Heritage**
- **APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE**
- **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**
- **REPORTS FOR DETERMINATION**
 - General Manager**

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Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting held at the Council Chambers, Windsor, on 16 February 2016, commencing at 6:33pm.

ATTENDANCE

PRESENT: Councillor K Ford, Mayor, Councillor Dr W Mackay (OAM), Deputy Mayor and Councillors B Calvert, P Conolly, M Creed, P Rasmussen, J Reardon and T Tree.

ALSO PRESENT: General Manager - Peter Jackson, Director City Planning - Matt Owens, Director Infrastructure Services - Jeff Organ, Director Support Services - Laurie Mifsud, Executive Manager - Community Partnerships - Joseph Litwin, Chief Financial Officer – Emma Galea, Deputy Chief Financial Officer – Vanessa Browning, Manager Corporate Services and Governance - Ian Roberts and Administrative Support Coordinator - Natasha Martin.

APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors M Lyons-Buckett, C Paine, B Porter and L Williams.

28 RESOLUTION:

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Mackay and seconded by Councillor Creed that the apologies be accepted and that leave of absence from the meeting be granted.

Councillor Rasmussen arrived at the meeting at 6:45pm.

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Reports for Determination

GENERAL MANAGER

Item: 17 **GM - Submission - Merger Proposal - Hawkesbury City Council and Part of The Hills Shire Council - (79351)**

Previous Item: 1, Extraordinary (28 January 2016)
226, Extraordinary (15 December 2015)
MM, Ordinary (8 December 2015)
MM, Ordinary (24 November 2015)
MM, Ordinary (27 October 2015)
116, Ordinary (28 July 2015)

Mr Michael Want addressed Council, speaking for the recommendation.
Mr John Ross and Ms Kim Smith addressed Council, speaking against the recommendation.

MOTION:

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Calvert, seconded by Councillor Rasmussen.

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29 RESOLUTION:

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Calvert, seconded by Councillor Rasmussen.

That Council:

1. Endorse the submission in response to the merger proposal of Hawkesbury City Council and part of The Hills Shire Council, attached as Attachment 2 to the report.
2. Request that the NSW Government adopt the recommendations of the Dollery Report, being:
 - a) The NSW Government withdraw the KPMG (2015) in the *Local Government Reform: Merger Impacts and Analysis* from the Fit For The Future process entirely.
 - b) Undertake independent and accurate research into the costs and benefits of the proposed mergers based on empirical evidence and peer-reviewed scholarly literature.
 - c) Suspend the current amalgamation process until the results of b) have been completed and circulated to the NSW local government sector for assessment.

The Motion was carried.

The meeting terminated at 7:09pm.

Submitted to and confirmed at the Ordinary meeting held on 23 February 2016.

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Mayor