



Hawkesbury City Council

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business
paper

date of meeting: 14 June 2016

location: council chambers

time: 6:30 p.m.



mission
statement

***“To create opportunities
for a variety of work
and lifestyle choices
in a healthy, natural
environment”***

How Council Operates

Hawkesbury City Council supports and encourages the involvement and participation of local residents in issues that affect the City.

The 12 Councillors who represent Hawkesbury City Council are elected at Local Government elections, held every four years. Voting at these elections is compulsory for residents who are aged 18 years and over and who reside permanently in the City.

Ordinary Meetings of Council are generally held on the second Tuesday of each month (except January), and the last Tuesday of each month (except December), meeting dates are listed on Council's website. The meetings start at 6:30pm and are scheduled to conclude by 11pm. These meetings are open to the public.

When an Extraordinary Meeting of Council is held, it will usually also be held on a Tuesday and start at 6:30pm. These meetings are also open to the public.

Meeting Procedure

The Mayor is Chairperson of the meeting.

The business paper contains the agenda and information on the items to be dealt with at the meeting. Matters before the Council will be dealt with by an exception process. This involves Councillors advising the General Manager by 3pm on the day of the meeting, of those items they wish to discuss. A list of items for discussion will be displayed at the meeting for the public to view.

At the appropriate stage of the meeting, the Chairperson will move for all those items which have not been listed for discussion (or have registered speakers from the public) to be adopted on block. The meeting then will proceed to deal with each item listed for discussion and decision.

Public Participation

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The Mayor will invite registered persons to address the Council when the relevant item is being considered. Speakers have a maximum of three minutes to present their views. The Code of Meeting Practice allows for three speakers 'For' a recommendation (i.e. in support), and three speakers 'Against' a recommendation (i.e. in opposition).

Speakers representing an organisation or group must provide written consent from the identified organisation or group (to speak on its behalf) when registering to speak, specifically by way of letter to the General Manager within the registration timeframe.

All speakers must state their name, organisation if applicable (after producing written authorisation from that organisation) and their interest in the matter before speaking.

Voting

The motion for each item listed for discussion will be displayed for Councillors and public viewing, if it is different to the recommendation in the Business Paper. The Chair will then ask the Councillors to vote, generally by a show of hands or voices. Depending on the vote, a motion will be Carried (passed) or Lost.

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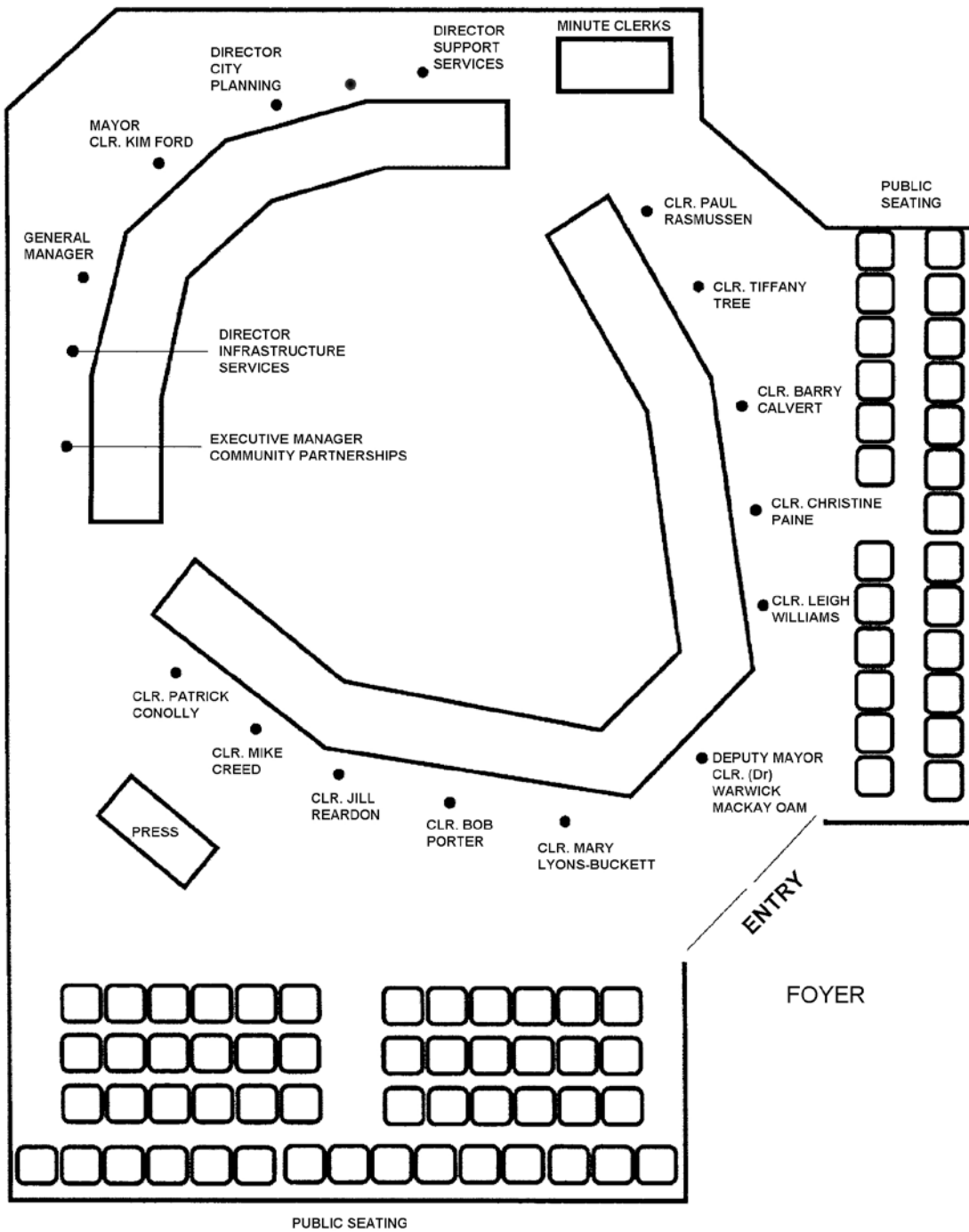
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Reports for Determination

GENERAL MANAGER

Item: 113 **GM - Adoption of Operational Plan 2016/2017 and Making and Levying of Rates and Fixing of Charges for the Period 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017 - (79351, 95496, 96332, 107)**

Previous Item: 55, Extraordinary (11 April 2016)

REPORT:

Executive Summary

At the Extraordinary Meeting of Council held on 11 April 2016, consideration was given to a report in relation to the Draft Operational Plan 2016/2017.

At that meeting, Council resolved that the report be received and that the Draft Operational Plan 2016/2017 be adopted for exhibition purposes and be advertised in accordance with the Local Government Act, 1993.

In addition, Council resolved that an Extraordinary Meeting be held on 14 June 2016, to consider public submissions received, consider the adoption of the Draft Operational Plan 2016/2017, and to make and fix rates and charges for the 2016/2017 financial year.

The purpose of this report is to consider submissions received and to make and fix rates and charges for the year ended 30 June 2017.

Consultation

The Draft Operational Plan 2016/2017 was advertised and placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 days from Thursday, 21 April 2016 to Friday, 20 May 2016, in accordance with the Local Government Act, 1993.

Background

At the Extraordinary Meeting of Council held on 11 April 2016, consideration was given to a report regarding the Draft Operational Plan 2016/2017. Council resolved, in part, as follows:

"That:

1. *The General Manager's report regarding the Draft Operational Plan 2016/2017 be received.*
2. *The Draft Operational Plan 2016/2017 be adopted for exhibition purposes and be advertised for a minimum of 28 days in accordance with Section 405 of the Local Government Act 1993.*
4. *An Extraordinary Meeting of Council be held on Tuesday, 14 June 2016, to consider any public submissions received in respect of the Draft Operational Plan 2016/2017 and to consider the adoption of these documents and to make and fix rates and charges for the year ended 30 June 2017."*

Public Submissions

In accordance with Part 2 of the above resolution, the Draft Operational Plan 2016/2017 was advertised in accordance with Section 404 and 405 of the Local Government Act, 1993.

The exhibition period for Council's Draft Operational Plan 2016/2017 commenced on Thursday, 21 April 2016 and concluded on Friday, 20 May 2016.

Following the conclusion of the exhibition period, 15 public submissions were received in respect of the Draft Operational Plan 2016/2017.

A summary of the submissions and comments addressing the submissions are as follows:

1. Ms J Vincent on behalf of Friends of Wilberforce Cemetery; Mr and Mrs A and N Robinson; Ms J Smith; Ms J O'Neil; Ms M Long; Ms C Woodbury; Mr and Mrs G and J Bowd; Ms G Starbrook; Mr I Nicholls and Ms B Carrett

Various correspondence was received from the above organisation and individuals regarding the Wilberforce Cemetery. Issues raised and comments provided in response are provided below.

Comments

- Provision of Row Markers

The Conservation Management Plan does incorporate the provision of wooden row markers to assist in identification and way finding. The generally informal pattern of early burials makes definition of rows difficult in much of the cemetery. It is suggested that a trial of temporary row markers in conjunction with other signage be implemented to gauge the effectiveness of a marker system. This work can be carried out from the operational funding, and if effective can be made permanent in future programs.

- Location and marking of unmarked graves - Wesleyan Section

Council has previously used ground penetrating radar to locate unmarked graves in the main cemetery and these have been marked. Ground penetrating radar cannot be used in the Wesleyan Section due to the presence of trees and root systems. Signage at the Wesleyan Section has been installed to indicate the possibility of unmarked graves.

- Delivery of the Conservation Management Plan (CMP)

The CMP is a guiding document that includes both capital and recurrent works. With the exception of row markers and identification of unmarked graves in the Wesleyan Section, all other works have been completed where practicable.

- Landscaping around the new columbarium

Remaining funding in the current columbarium project will be utilised on landscaping.

- Bush Regeneration in Wesleyan Section

Funding is included in operational budgets to continue regeneration work, and maintenance of the contemplation seat area.

2. Windsor Business Group

Correspondence was received from the Windsor Business Group regarding various matters. Issues raised and comments provided in response are provided below.

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- Provision of Toilets in Windsor

Public toilets have been provided in Kable Street as part of the redevelopment of the former KFC site. These supplement the recently reconstructed toilets in the Kable Street carpark. Additional signage can be provided to assist visitors in accessing these facilities. Whilst additional facilities can be considered in future programs, the suggested site of the Baker Street carpark would result in a loss of parking spaces, whilst it is highly unlikely that approval would be gained for construction of a toilet block in the Thompson Square parkland. Where businesses currently do not have customer toilets, Council can work with these businesses to address the issue.

- Parking in Windsor

Council would need to identify significant additional funding to enable expansion of existing or construction of new car parking. Should suitable grant programs be identified, applications could be made. Council will continue to manage existing parking through restriction and enforcement to ensure optimum usage and turnover to support businesses.

- Paving in Mall

Contractors have been engaged to undertake paving repairs.

- Planter Boxes and Street Furniture in Mall - Repair and Painting

A number of the planter boxes will require renewal in the next two years. Painting and maintenance will continue to be carried out and replacement listed for consideration in future budgets.

- Plane Trees and Sweeping in Mall

Additional sweeping is undertaken during both flowering and leaf drop periods and Council's small footpath sweeper will be tasked with this activity. A number of trees will be considered for progressive removal and replacement.

- Lighting at Howe Park

It is recognised that Howe Park is a key area within the broader river precinct of Windsor and further improvements to the area are desirable. River Precinct works should, however, be identified and prioritised as part of the Hawkesbury Horizon Initiative River Precinct project to optimise benefits to Windsor. Provision of lighting is one element that could be considered and if warranted prioritised within the scope of the overall project.

- Occupation of the Mall by Businesses

The issue of cafes utilising areas outside of the relevant permitted areas, or furniture blocking footways, etc., is a matter that will be investigated as part of the compliance with the terms of those permits. Such cases of non-compliance with permit conditions or obstruction to footways is not viewed by Council as a "revenue raising" venture. In these cases Council's preferred option is to achieve appropriate compliance through negotiation and not through punitive measures.

The issue of extending areas covered within the permits could be considered; however, as stated in the submission, if the utilisation outside the relevant permitted area is causing obstruction to the footway, then an extension would not be appropriate.

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- Increased Funding for the Blues and Roots Festival

The Sydney Blues and Roots Festival currently has a three year sponsorship agreement with Council which provides for a financial contribution of \$30,000 per year. This agreement is in its second year. Council's staff also provide promotional support and give advice and assistance in coordinating necessary external and internal approvals required. The current level of funding allocated to this event is deemed appropriate within the context of Council's overall funding available for events.

- Event on Australia Day

Council encourages events to take place on Australia Day and publishes a calendar of community events which includes its two events, The Australia Day Citizenship Ceremony and The Hawkesbury Australia Day Awards. Current staff resources are fully committed at these two events on the day however, consideration could be given to assist with funding a community run event either through the Community Sponsorship Program or as a flag ship event. Applications would be welcomed and considered subject to funding availability and partnership opportunities.

- Funding for Christmas Lights

Council has allocated \$15,000 for a Christmas Program. A review of the Christmas Lights Program was undertaken in 2015. Council realigned the program to be more community focused to capitalise on existing events while cooperating with and continuing to build upon programs carried out by business groups within their respective areas. It is proposed to continue to provide an allocation of approximately \$1,000 to business groups through a sponsorship agreement subject to the groups providing details on the proposed expenditure of any allocated funds to the satisfaction of the Acting General Manager. The balance of funding will be directed to the installation of street banner infrastructure pending a positive result of the current investigation into the proposed project.

- McGraths Hills Flats Maintenance and Signage

This area is regularly mown and maintained. Replacement and establishment of two jacaranda trees will be carried out.

In regard to the request for signage to promote attractions in the area, this will be considered as part of the implementation of Council's Tourism Strategy and in accordance with other Council's applicable regulations and policies. It is to be noted that signage on a Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) road is subject to the authority's approval.

3. Richmond Tennis Centre

Correspondence was received from the Richmond Tennis Centre. Issues raised and comments provided in response are provided below.

- Funding for Court Renewal

Discussions have been held with tennis representatives, to explore options to replace deteriorating courts. Whilst no budget provision has been made, the cost of court repair and resurfacing (estimated at \$250,000 for six courts) can be considered in future programs and a presentation on funding options can be made to a future Councillor Briefing Session.

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4. TRI Community Exchange Inc., Hawkesbury Community Care Forum and Hawkesbury Multicultural Agency

Correspondence was received from TRI Community Exchange Inc, Hawkesbury Community Care Forum and the Hawkesbury Multicultural Agency, regarding the Hawkesbury eNews service provided by TRI Community Exchange Inc. Issues raised and comments provided in response are provided below.

- Funding contribution to the cost of preparing an on-line news bulletin (Hawkesbury eNews)

TRI Community Exchange operates within the Nepean Region (Blue Mountains, Hawkesbury and Penrith local government areas). It is funded by Commonwealth and State Governments to provide sector support and development to not for profit community support service providers.

The Community Programs Coordinator and Youth Participation Officer within Council's Community Services Branch have the function of distributing information to the local community services sector. Since 2012, TRI Community Exchange has produced Hawkesbury eNews, an online e-bulletin which provides subscribers with a weekly newsletter that is categorised by service sector, providing updates on local services, events and funding information. The Community Programs Coordinator and Youth Participation Officer have promoted use of Hawkesbury eNews since its inception in 2012 as it enables services to broadcast information without the reliance on Council staff to filter and distribute information as it is received. Both the Community Programs Coordinator and Youth Participation Officer report significant time savings through use of Hawkesbury eNews as a means to communicate with and connect the local service sector, rather than maintaining a mailing list and/or selectively targeting promotion of services and events.

Due to funding changes, TRI Community Exchange no-longer receives funding to support the production of Hawkesbury eNews. The joint submissions have requested that Council make a financial contribution to enable the on-line news bulletin to be maintained. The continued production of the e-bulletin represents a cost effective way of providing information to local service providers to enable them to respond to community needs and will also assist funded services to negotiate funding reforms which will see the transition from block funding grants to a purchasing model based on person-centred care. Discussions with TRI Community Exchange indicates that they are seeking a contribution of \$6,000.

It is proposed that TRI Community Exchange apply under Council's Community Sponsorship Program for a three year \$3,000 seeding grant. If approved by Council, the balance of the required amount would be contributed from the Community Services budget allocation.

Amendments Proposed

An amendment to the Waste Management Facility charges in the Draft Operational Plan 2016/2017 document placed on exhibition is proposed as a result of the introduction of a new product stewardship program for electronic goods being introduced in conjunction with the NSW Environment Protection Authority. This amendment is on page 107, *WM.31.37 Televisions and Computers – Fee for 2016/2017* to be amended from "\$10.00" to "Free".

The only other changes proposed to the Draft Operational Plan 2016/2017 document that was on public exhibition are minor formatting and typographical amendments, and deletion of any references to "Draft" throughout the document.

Making the Rates for the 2016/2017 financial year

- *Rates in the dollar 2016/2017*

As stated in the Draft Operational Plan 2016/2017 placed on public exhibition, the rates in the dollar in the recommendation in this report differ slightly to those placed on public exhibition. It is prudent to incorporate valuation changes up to the final Rating Resolution to ensure Council's valuation base remains as up to date as possible to minimise carryovers and thereby maximising potential revenue.

- *Variation of General Income for 2016/2017*

In December 2015, IPART announced a 1.8% general increase in terms of Section 506 of the Local Government Act, 1993 for the rating year commencing 1 July 2016.

The recommendation at the end of this report details the rate in the dollar and applicable minimum charge or base amount for each rating category in the Hawkesbury Local Government Area based on the above.

Conformance to the Hawkesbury Community Strategic Plan

The proposal is consistent with the Shaping Our Future Together Directions statements:

- Have transparent, accountable and respected leadership and an engaged community;
- A balance set of decisions that integrate jobs, housing, infrastructure, heritage, and environment that incorporates sustainability principles;
- The Council be financially sustainable to meet the current and future needs of the community based on a diversified income base, affordable and viable services;

and is also consistent with the nominated strategies in the CSP being:

- Improve financial sustainability;
- Work with the community to determine affordable levels of service;
- Make decisions in ways that are transparent, fair, balanced and equitable supported by appropriate resource allocation.

Financial Implications

The adoption of the recommendations in this report will result in the Draft Operational Plan 2016/2017, as placed on exhibition and incorporating the changes proposed in this report, being adopted for the 2016/2017 financial year.

As detailed in the report, submissions made in regard to the Draft Operational Plan 2016/2017 generally relate to increased service levels applicable to Council services and programs. Whilst these requests may have merit, unfortunately the Draft Operational Plan 2016/2017 cannot accommodate these initiatives without having adverse impacts on other programs.

Council's Long-Term Financial Plans could, however, be reviewed to incorporate a higher revenue base and therefore the capacity, to accommodate the community's expectation such as those expressed in the submissions, referred to in this report. Appropriate funding strategies could be explored.

For example, the submission made by the Windsor Business Group is generally focused on enhancing the appearance of Windsor, in particular Windsor Mall, and the provision of support for activities attracting visitors to the area and supporting businesses. Council shares the view that increased investment in the Windsor Town Centre could attract more visitors to the area and consequently support local businesses to the extent within Council's control. Based on current revenue levels, Council's long-term plans provide for routine maintenance and capital renewal as required and allocates funding to relevant events and programs. In its future plans, Council could explore an increased level of service specifically for the Windsor Town Centre, including a program of capital improvements funded by suitable potential funding sources such as a Special Rate for the Windsor Town Centre.

RECOMMENDATION:

That:

1. The report regarding the Draft Operational Plan 2016/2017 be noted.
2. The Draft Operational Plan 2016/2017, as placed on public exhibition, be adopted subject to the amendments as outlined in the report including the rates in the dollar for 2016/2017 to incorporate valuation changes up to the final Rating Resolution
3. Council Make and Levy the following Rates and Fix the following Charges for the 2016/2017 financial period in accordance with Section 535 of the Local Government Act, 1993 (Land Values used for calculation of rates have a Base Date of 1 July 2014):

Residential Category

In accordance with Section 535 of the Local Government Act, 1993, an Ordinary rate named Residential in accordance with Section 543 (1), of point one nine eight one eight four (0.198184) cents in the valuation dollar be levied on all properties categorised as Residential in accordance with Section 516. These properties will be subject to an ad valorem rate and a base amount of \$520.00. The levying of the base amount from the Residential Category will generate 49.90% of the notional yield applicable to the Residential Category.

Farmland Category

In accordance with Section 535 of the Local Government Act, 1993, an Ordinary rate named Farmland in accordance with Section 543 (1), of point two nine four seven five zero (0.294750) cents in the valuation dollar be levied on all properties categorised as Farmland in accordance with Section 515. These properties will be subject to a minimum rate of \$533.00 in accordance with Section 548.

Business Category

In accordance with Section 535 of the Local Government Act, 1993, an Ordinary rate named Business Area 1 in accordance with Section 543 (1), of point two three one three five nine (0.231359) cents in the valuation dollar be levied on all properties in the Business sub-category Business Area 1 in accordance with Section 518. These properties will be subject to an ad valorem rate and a base amount of \$970.00. The levying of the base amount from the Business Area 1 sub-category will generate 49.38% of the notional yield applicable to the Business Area 1 sub - category.

In accordance with Section 535 of the Local Government Act, 1993, an Ordinary rate named Business Area 2 in accordance with Section 543 (1), point two three one three five nine (0.231359) cents in the valuation dollar be levied on all properties in the Business sub-category Business Area 2 in accordance with Section 518. These properties will be subject to an ad valorem rate and a base amount of \$970.00. The levying of the base amount from the Business Area 2 sub-category will generate 46.93% of the notional yield applicable to the Business Area 2 sub-category.

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In accordance with Section 535 of the Local Government Act, 1993, an Ordinary rate named Business Area Other in accordance with Section 543 (1), point two three one three five nine (0.231359) cents in the valuation dollar be levied on all properties in the Business sub-category Business Area Other in accordance with Section 518. These properties will be subject to an ad valorem rate and a base amount of \$970.00. The levying of the base amount from the Business Area Other sub-category will generate 46.67% of the notional yield applicable to the Business Area Other sub-category.

Rural Residential Category

In accordance with Section 535 of the Local Government Act, 1993, an Ordinary rate named Rural Residential in accordance with Section 543 (1), of point one three zero zero six zero (0.130060) cents in the valuation dollar be levied on all properties categorised as Rural Residential in accordance with Section 518. These properties will be subject to an ad valorem and a base amount of \$695.00. The levying of the base amount from the Rural Residential sub-category will generate 49.79% of the notional yield applicable to the Rural Residential sub-category.

Domestic Waste Management Service

For 2016/2017, in accordance with Section 496 of the Local Government Act, 1993:

- A "Weekly Domestic (Inc. Green) Waste Charge 240L" annual charge of \$588.96 be made for a 240 litre bin, for each weekly domestic waste service to an occupied property which is categorised as Residential or Farmland, and for which a weekly domestic waste service, including a green waste service, is available. This charge includes a weekly pickup for garbage, a fortnightly pickup for recycling, a fortnightly pick up for green waste and one kerbside pickup for the financial year.
- A "Weekly Domestic Waste Charge 240L" annual charge of \$515.21 be made for a 240 litre bin, for each weekly domestic waste service to an occupied property which is categorised as Residential or Farmland, and for which a weekly domestic waste service, is available. This charge includes a weekly pickup for garbage, a fortnightly pickup for recycling, and one kerbside pickup for the financial year.
- A "Weekly Domestic (Inc. Green) Waste Charge 140L" annual charge of \$399.65 be made for a 140 litre bin for each weekly domestic waste service to an occupied property which is categorised as Residential or Farmland, and for which a weekly domestic waste service, including a green waste service, is available. This charge includes a weekly pickup for garbage, a fortnightly pickup for recycling, a fortnightly pick up for green waste and one kerbside pickup for the financial year.
- A "Weekly Domestic Waste Charge 140L" annual charge of \$325.90 be made for a 140 litre bin for each weekly domestic waste service to an occupied property which is categorised as Residential or Farmland, and for which a weekly domestic waste service is available. This charge includes a weekly pickup for garbage, a fortnightly pickup for recycling and one kerbside pickup for the financial year.
- A "Fortnightly Domestic Waste Charge 240L" annual charge of \$325.90 be made for a 240 litre bin, for each fortnightly domestic waste service to an occupied property which is categorised as Residential or Farmland, and for which a fortnightly domestic waste service, is available. This charge includes a fortnightly pickup for garbage, a fortnightly pickup for recycling and one kerbside pickup for the financial year.
- A "Fortnightly Domestic Waste Charge 140L" annual charge of \$228.84 be made for a 140 litre bin for each fortnightly domestic waste service to an occupied property which is categorised as Residential or Farmland, and for which a fortnightly domestic waste service, is available. This charge includes a fortnightly pickup for garbage, a fortnightly pickup for recycling and one kerbside pickup for the financial year.

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- A "Weekly Domestic Waste Service Availability" annual charge of \$148.92 be made for parcels of land where a weekly domestic waste service is available but the service is not utilised.
- A "Fortnightly Domestic Waste Service Availability" annual charge of \$74.46 be made for parcels of land where a fortnightly domestic waste service is available but the service is not utilised.

In accordance with Section 575 of the Local Government Act, 1993 where a property is owned and occupied by eligible pensioner(s), a rebate amounting to 50% (fifty percent) of the combined rates and domestic waste service charges up to a maximum of \$250.00 (two hundred and fifty dollars) in annual concession will be granted for 2016/2017.

Business Waste Management Service

For 2016/2017, in accordance with Section 501 of the Local Government Act, 1993 a Waste Management Service annual charge of \$711.02 be made for a 240 litre bin, and an annual charge of \$435.10 be made for a 140 litre bin for each weekly waste service to a property which is categorised as Business and for which a weekly waste service is utilised.

Sewerage Service

For 2016/2017, in accordance with Section 501 of the Local Government Act, 1993, the following range of annual charges be made for the provision of sewerage services.

- Connected Residential Properties\$706.46
- Unconnected Residential Properties.....\$470.47
- Unconnected Business Properties\$474.06
- Business - Category 1 (<1,000 litres per day)\$822.34
- Business - Category 2 (1,001 - 5,000 litres per day)\$4,123.23
- Business - Category 3 (5,001 - 10,000 litres per day)\$8,213.69
- Business - Category 4 (10,001 - 20,000 litres per day)\$16,377.22
- Business - Category 5 (>20,000 litres per day)\$16,377.22
- Additionally, a trade waste volume charge of \$2.95 per kilolitre be charged to Category 5 properties for each kilolitre in excess of 20,000.

Where a residential property receiving this service is owned by pensioner(s) eligible for an Ordinary Rate pensioner rebate, then a rebate amounting to \$353.23 be granted to the owner(s) in annual concession for 2016/2017.

Sullage Pump-Out Services

For 2016/2017:

- In accordance with Section 501 of the Local Government Act, 1993, a Sullage Pump-out Service annual charge of \$1,967.14 will be made for the provision of a fortnightly sullage pump-out service to residential properties.

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- In accordance with Section 501 of the Local Government Act, 1993, a Sullage Pump-out Service annual charge of \$3,934.32 will be made for the provision of a weekly sullage pump-out service to residential properties.
- Where a property receiving a sullage pump-out service is owned by pensioner(s) eligible for an Ordinary Rate pensioner rebate, and the property is occupied solely by the eligible pensioner(s), in accordance with Section 577 of the Local Government Act, 1993 a rebate amounting to 50% of the applicable charge be granted to the owner(s) in annual concession for 2016/2017.
- In accordance with Section 502 of the Local Government Act, 1993, additional pump-outs can be requested at a cost of \$126.05 per extra service.
- In accordance with Section 502 of the Local Government Act, 1993, emergency after hours pump-outs be charged at \$158.27 per service.
- In accordance with Section 502 of the Local Government Act, 1993, that a charge of \$21.66 be made for each 1,000 (one thousand) litres of effluent pumped out from commercial and industrial properties for services being conducted on request.

Interest Charges

In accordance with Section 566 (3) of the Local Government Act, 1993, the interest rate charged on overdue rates and charges for 2016/2017 by Council be set at the maximum permitted by the Minister for Local Government. For the 2016/2017 rating year this will be 8.0%.

4. The persons and organisations that made submissions in response to the exhibition of Council's Draft Operational Plan 2016/2017 be advised of Council's decision in this regard and the relevant comments in the report.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

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