



Hawkesbury City Council

extraordinary
meeting
minutes

date of meeting: 23 June 2015

location: council chambers

time: 6:30 p.m.

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- **WELCOME**

Acknowledgement of Indigenous Heritage

- **APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

- **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

- **REPORTS FOR DETERMINATION**

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Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting held at the Council Chambers, Windsor, on 23 June 2015, commencing at 6:30pm.

ATTENDANCE

PRESENT: Councillor K Ford, Mayor, Councillor B Porter, Deputy Mayor and Councillors B Calvert, P Conolly, M Creed, M Lyons-Buckett, Dr W Mackay (OAM), C Paine, P Rasmussen, J Reardon, T Tree and L Williams.

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, Manager Corporate Services and Governance - Abbey Rouse, Deputy Chief Financial Advisor - Vanessa Browning and Administrative Support Coordinator - Natasha Martin.

Councillor Williams arrived at the meeting at 6:31pm.

Councillor Rasmussen arrived at the meeting at 6:47pm.

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Reports for Determination

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Item: 84 **GM - Adoption of Operational Plan 2015/2016 and Making and Levying of Rates and Fixing of Charges for the Period 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2016 - (79351, 95496, 96332, 107)**

Previous Item: 56, Extraordinary (21 April 2015)

Ms Jill Vincent addressed Council, speaking for the item.
Mr John Ross and Ms Venecia Wilson, speaking against the item.

A MOTION was moved by Councillor Creed, seconded by Councillor Reardon.

That:

1. The report regarding the Draft Operational Plan 2015/2016 be noted.
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4. The persons and organisations that made submissions in response to the exhibition of Council's Draft Operational Plan 2015/2016 be advised of Council's decision in this regard and the relevant comments in the report.

An AMENDMENT was moved by Councillor Calvert, seconded by Councillor Rasmussen.

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5. Council include a statement on the next available rates notice that explains that Council's current financial position is due, in part, to the reduced funding from State and Federal governments, rate pegging and cost shifting.
6. Staff follow up on the possibility of receiving rates from the RAAF and the UWS and report back to Council.

The Motion and Amendment were lost.

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 7:45pm.

The Meeting resumed at 8:10pm.

MOTION:

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Conolly, seconded by Councillor Paine.

Refer to RESOLUTION

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- 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 2015/2016.
- In accordance with Section 502 of the Local Government Act, 1993, additional pump-outs can be requested at a cost of \$116.71 per extra service.
- In accordance with Section 502 of the Local Government Act, 1993, emergency after-hours pump-outs be charged at \$146.55 per service.

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- In accordance with Section 502 of the Local Government Act, 1993, that a charge of \$20.06 be made for each 1,000 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 2015/2016 by Council be set at the maximum permitted by the Minister for Local Government. For the 2015/2016 rating year, this will be 8.5%.

4. The persons and organisations that made submissions in response to the exhibition of Council's Draft Operational Plan 2015/2016 be advised of Council's decision in this regard and the relevant comments in the report.
5. A special Briefing Session be held to immediately review the budget as soon as possible.
6. Council review the budget timeline to ensure that Council is not put in to a position where it is forced to adopt the budget next year.

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Item: 85 **GM - Draft Fit for the Future Proposal - (79351, 95496)**

Previous Item: 182, Ordinary (30 September 2014)

Mr John Ross and Mr Michael Want addressed Council, speaking against the item.

A MOTION was moved by Councillor Creed, seconded by Councillor Reardon.

That Council approve the lodgement of the Fit for the Future Council Improvement Proposal and Action Plan, as attached to the report, to the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal for assessment under the NSW Government's Fit for the Future Reform Program.

The Motion was lost.

MOTION:

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

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141 RESOLUTION:

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

That staff be instructed to prepare a new submission as soon as possible without a Special Rate Variation.

The meeting terminated at 9:25pm.

Submitted to and confirmed at the Ordinary meeting held on 30 June 2015.

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Mayor