



# Hawkesbury City Council

## supplementary ordinary meeting business paper

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**Item: 85**                      **CP - Request for Refund of Fees for DA0850/06 - Bilpin Fire Service - (95498, 73582)**

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**REPORT:**

A development application was received from Bilpin Rural Fire Service in October 2006, for the approval of a 100,000 litre inground water tank adjacent to the Bilpin Fire Station located at 2648 Bells Line of Road, Bilpin.

This application was subsequently approved and the water tank has been installed.

Correspondence has recently been received from the Bilpin Brigade, requesting a full refund of the development application fees in the amount of \$515, on the basis that the tank is situated on Council owned land and exists to serve the community in the event of bushfires given the current water restrictions.

The fees applicable to this application are itemised as follows:

Development Application	\$185.00
Construction Certificate	\$200.00
Compliance Certificates	\$130.00

The Environmental Planning and Assessment Act and Regulations regulate the fees that are applicable to Development Applications. The Construction Certificate and Compliance Certificate (inspections) fees are set by Council's adopted fees and charges.

It is to be noted that all projects, where they do not fit into the exempt or complying category, are subject to development approval and associated fees as adopted in Council's fees and charges. This has included, but is not limited to, projects occurring in parks, extensions to the State Emergency Services building at Wilberforce for which a grant was received, and the replacement of the 3 bay shed at the Rural Fire Service Headquarters at Wilberforce.

Council have previously considered requests for reimbursement of development application fees:

1. Rotary Club of Richmond for a Collection Booth and shelter at the Hawkesbury Showground where a donation of \$497.00 was made from the donations budget (February 2001). It should be noted that the donation budget is fully expended.
2. Hawkesbury District Agricultural Association for an extension to the existing grandstand involving dining and display areas. (Fees in total \$8,801.20). The resolution did not address the waiver of fees - fees not waived.

Prior to the development application being submitted, the Bilpin Brigade was advised that the project could have been exempt from the development application process and associated fees had it not have been within prescribed distances of adjoining buildings and properties.

It is therefore recommended that no refund be provided to the Bilpin Rural Fire Service on the basis that all development, where it does not fit into the exempt or complying category, is subject to development approval, statutory fees and associated fees as adopted in Council's fees and charges.

**Conformance to Strategic Plan**

The proposal is deemed to conform with the objectives set out in Council's Strategic Plan i.e:

*"Objective: A network of towns, villages and rural localities connected by well maintained public and private infrastructure, which supports the social and economic development of the City "*

**Funding**

Nil impact on current budget.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That no refund be provided to the Bilpin Rural Fire Service on the basis that all development, where it does not fit into the exempt or complying category, is subject to development approval, statutory fees and associated fees as adopted in Council's fees and charges.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

There are no supporting documents for this report.

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**ORDINARY MEETING - Supplementary****Meeting Date:** 8 May 2007**Item: 86**      **IS - Lower Portland Ferry - (95495, 73652)****REPORT:**

The Lower Portland Ferry is currently being operated by a 50:50 joint funding arrangement with Baulkham Hills Shire Council. The following table indicates Council's contribution towards the operating costs of the ferry over the past seven years.

Year	Operating Costs \$
1999/2000	206,835
2000/2001	123,091
2001/2002	140,550
2002/2003	263,000
2003/2004	148,000
2004/2005	282,782
2005/2006	152,730
2006/2007	134,861 (Budget Allocation)
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,451,849</b>
<b>On average \$181,481 per annum.</b>	

Data collected by Council during the 2005 calendar year shows that the average daily and hourly traffic and pedestrian movements on the ferry are as follows:

Vehicles      130 per day or 7 per hour  
Passengers    7 per day or 0.4 per hour

In relation to the operation of the Lower Portland Ferry Service, Council at its meeting of 29 March 2005 resolved in part:

*"That the tender of Hawkesbury Ferry Service Pty Ltd in the amount of \$589,597.00 (five hundred and eighty nine thousand, five hundred and ninety seven dollars) for operation of the Lower Portland Ferry Service for the period 10 April 2005 - 31 March 2008 be accepted, subject to the concurrence of Baulkham Hills Shire Council."*

Given that the contract for the operation of the Lower Portland Ferry is due to expire on the 31 March 2008, it is necessary for each Council to determine its position on the future operation of the service.

Baulkham Hills Shire Council will be considering a report at their next meeting on Tuesday, 8 May 2007 in relation to the future operation of the Lower Portland Ferry.

Their report recommends to convene a public meeting in consultation with Council to provide an opportunity for members of the Lower Portland community to express their views on the future operation of the ferry.

It would seem appropriate that further consideration be given to the future operation of the Lower Portland Ferry following community consultation to be held in conjunction with Baulkham Hills Shire Council.

**Conformance to Strategic Plan**

The proposal is deemed to conform with the objectives set out in Council's Strategic Plan i.e:

*"Objective: A network of towns, villages and rural localities connected by well-maintained public and private infrastructure, which supports the social and economic development of the City."*

**Funding**

Nil impact on current budget.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That further consideration be given to the future operation of the Lower Portland Ferry following community consultation held in conjunction with Baulkham Hills Shire Council.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

There are no supporting documents for this report.

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