



Hawkesbury City Council

ordinary
meeting
minutes

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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held at the Council Chambers, Windsor, on Tuesday, 9 September 2008, commencing at 5:00pm.

Pastor Ralph Parnwell of the River of Life Christian Centre, representing the Hawkesbury Minister's Association, gave the opening prayer at the commencement of the meeting.

ATTENDANCE

PRESENT: Councillor B Bassett, Mayor, Councillor T Books, Deputy Mayor and Councillors B Calvert, K Conolly, T Devine, D Finch, C Paine, B Porter, P Rasmussen, R Stubbs, N Wearne and L Williams

ALSO PRESENT: General Manager - Peter Jackson, Director City Planning - Matt Owens, Director Infrastructure Services - Chris Daley, Director Support Services - Laurie Mifsud, Manager Corporate Services and Governance - Fausto Sut, Executive Manager - Community Partnerships - Joseph Litwin and Administrative Support Team Leader - Kylie Wade-Ferrell.

Councillor Williams left the meeting at 7:20pm
Councillor Devine left the meeting at 7:55pm

SECTION 1: Confirmation of Minutes

296 RESOLUTION:

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Paine and seconded by Councillor Porter that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on the 26 August 2008, be confirmed.

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SECTION 3 - Notices of Motion

NM1 - Hawkesbury LGA Careers Market - (79351, 80096)

Councillor Calvert declared a non-pecuniary interest in this matter which was not significant in that as part of his employment with the NSW Department of Education he holds a position on several bodies that currently organise career markets across the region and the conflict did not require further action in the circumstance.

MOTION:

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

Refer to RESOLUTION

297 RESOLUTION:

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Conolly, seconded by Councillor Finch

That Council investigate the possibility of hosting, in partnership with UWS Hawkesbury and local business groups, a "careers market" and/or a Traineeship/Apprenticeship Expo focussing on employers and education providers located in the Hawkesbury LGA or within approximately 15km of the LGA boundaries.

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SECTION 4 - Reports for Determination

GENERAL MANAGER

Item: 184 **GM - Tourism Program - June 2008 Quarter Report - (79351)**

Previous Item: 57, Ordinary (8 April 2008)
 89, Ordinary (29 May 2007)
 216, Ordinary (30 October 2007)

MOTION:

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Porter, seconded by Councillor Wearne.

Refer to RESOLUTION

298 RESOLUTION:

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Porter, seconded by Councillor Wearne

That the Tourism Program - June 2008 Quarter report be received.

Item: 185 **GM - Policy Review - Scholarships - University of Western Sydney Hawkesbury (79351, 935)**

MOTION:

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Porter, seconded by Councillor Wearne.

Refer to RESOLUTION

299 RESOLUTION:

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Porter, seconded by Councillor Wearne

That the:

1. Current policy entitled "Scholarship - University Western Sydney Hawkesbury" be archived.
2. Updated policy "University of Western Sydney - Hawkesbury Undergraduate Scholarship" as detailed in the report be adopted.

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Item: 186 **GM - Council's Code of Conduct - Appointment of Conduct Reviewers - (79351, 79385)**

Previous Item: Ordinary Meeting (8 July, 2008)

Mr Doug Bathersby, proponent, addressed the Council
Ms Kim Smith, respondent, addressed the Council

MOTION:

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

Refer to RESOLUTION

300 RESOLUTION:

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

That:

1. The information concerning the current status of forming a "joint panel" of Conduct Reviewers under the Council's Code of Conduct be noted.
2. Council continue to pursue the approach of establishing a "joint panel" of Conduct Reviewers with neighbouring Councils and/or WSROC for further consideration by Council of final arrangements in this regard.
3. In association with Council's resolution of 8 July 2008, the General Manger be authorised to call for Expressions of Interest for Conduct Reviewers at an appropriate time in the light of progress towards a "joint approach".
4. Pending the finalisation of arrangements in this regard, the General Manager, or Mayor in respect of a complaint against the General Manager, be given delegated authority to appoint Conduct Reviewers under Council's Code of Conduct on a "one-off" basis if the need should arise as a result of a complaint being received under the Council's Code of Conduct that is determined as requiring referral to a Conduct Reviewer or the Conduct Review Committee, subject to the Conduct Reviewers not being from within Council's area.

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CITY PLANNING

Item: 187 **CP - Development Application - Rural Shed - Lot 3 DP813866, 72 Fisher Road, Maraylya - (DA0365/08, 109945, 110212, 95498)**

Mr Angelo Mezzomo, proponent, addressed the Council
Mr Richard Rogers and Mr Warren Millard, respondents, addressed the Council.

MOTION:

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Books, seconded by Councillor Devine.

Refer to RESOLUTION

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

That the application for a Rural Shed at Lot 3 DP 813866, 72 Fisher Road, Maraylya, be approved subject to the following conditions:

General

1. The development shall take place in accordance with the stamped plans, specifications and accompanying documentation submitted with the application except as modified by these further conditions.
2. No excavation, site works or building works shall be commenced prior to the issue of an appropriate construction certificate.
3. The approved use shall not commence until all conditions of this Development Consent have been complied with.
4. The building shall not be used or occupied prior to the issue of an Occupation Certificate.
5. The development shall comply with the provisions of the Building Code of Australia at all times.
6. The development shall comply with the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, 1979 at all times.

Prior to Commencement of Works

7. The wind classification for the site has been assessed as Minimum W21N. This classification should be referred to your glazing supplier, frame manufacturer and building contractor to enable the appropriate frame, glazing, bracing and tie downs to be designed. A copy of the designs and glazing certificate are to be provided to the Principal Certifying Authority.
8. Erosion and sediment control devices are to be installed and maintained at all times during site works and construction. The enclosed warning sign shall be affixed to the sediment fence/erosion control device.
9. At least two days prior to commencement of works, notice is to be given to Hawkesbury City Council, in accordance with the Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation.
10. Toilet facilities (to the satisfaction of Council) shall be provided for workmen throughout the course of building operations. Such facility shall be located wholly within the property boundary.

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11. A sign displaying the following information is to be erected adjacent to each access point and to be easily seen from the public road. The sign is to be maintained for the duration of works:
 - (a) Unauthorised access to the site is prohibited.
 - (b) The owner of the site.
 - (c) The person/company carrying out the site works and telephone number (including 24 hour 7 days emergency numbers).
 - (d) The name and contact number of the Principal Certifying Authority.
12. A qualified Structural Engineer's design for all reinforced concrete and structural steel shall be provided to the Principal Certifying Authority prior to any works commencing on site.

During Construction

13. All necessary works being carried out to ensure that any natural water flow from adjoining properties is not impeded or diverted.
14. Site and building works (including the delivery of materials to and from the property) shall be carried out only on Monday to Friday between 7am - 6pm and on Saturdays between 8am - 4pm.
15. The site shall be kept clean and tidy during the construction period and all unused building materials and rubbish shall be removed from the site upon completion of the project. The following restrictions apply during construction:
 - (a) Stockpiles of topsoil, sand, aggregate, spoil or other material shall be stored clear of any drainage path or easement, natural watercourse, footpath, kerb or road surface and shall have measures in place to prevent the movement of such material off site.
 - (b) Building operations such as brick cutting, washing tools, concreting and bricklaying shall be undertaken only within the site.
 - (c) Builders waste must not be burnt or buried on site. All waste (including felled trees) must be contained and removed to a Waste Disposal Depot.
16. Mandatory inspections shall be carried out and Compliance Certificates issued only by Council or an accredited certifier for the following components or construction:

Note: Structural Engineer's Certificates, Drainage Diagrams and Wet Area Installation Certificates are NOT acceptable unless they are from an accredited person.

- (a) piers;
 - (b) steel reinforcement prior to pouring concrete;
 - (c) external sewer or stormwater lines, prior to backfilling;
 - (d) swimming pool fencing, prior to the pool being filled with water;
 - (e) on completion of the works;
17. All roofwater shall be drained to the water storage vessels.
18. The overflow from the water storage vessel shall be drained to a stormwater pit. The stormwater pit shall be located so as not to interfere with any other property

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19. The area between the southern boundary and the proposed shed, for the minimum length of the shed, is to be planted with screening trees that will have a mature height equal or greater than that of the ridge height of the shed.

Use of the Development

20. No internal or external alterations shall be carried out without prior approval of Council.
21. The shed shall not be occupied for human habitation/residential, industrial or commercial purposes.

Advisory

- *** Non-compliance with any condition of this development consent may result in a penalty notice being issued by Council.
- *** Should any aboriginal site or relic be disturbed or uncovered during the construction of this development, all work should cease and the National Parks and Wildlife Service consulted. Any person who knowingly disturbs an aboriginal site or relic is liable to prosecution under the National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974.

The amendment was lost.

The motion was put and carried

301 RESOLUTION:

RESOLVED on the MOTION moved by Councillor Books, seconded by Councillor Devine

That a site inspection of the property be organised.

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Item: 188 **CP - Community Sponsorship Program (Out of Policy Application) - Baulkham Hills Shire Council - (95494)**

MOTION:

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Porter, seconded by Councillor Wearne.

Refer to RESOLUTION

302 RESOLUTION:

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Porter, seconded by Councillor Wearne

That:

1. Council approve the payment of \$2,000 under the Community Sponsorship Program to Baulkham Hills Shire Council (on behalf of the Wisemans Ferry & Districts Community Health & Resource Centre Inc.) as a contribution to the costs of refurbishing the doctor's surgery at Wisemans Ferry.
2. The requirement for a Sponsorship Agreement to be executed with Baulkham Hills Shire Council be waived.

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Item: 189 SS - General Purpose Financial Report and Special Purpose Financial Report for 2007/2008 - (96332, 95496)

MOTION:

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Porter, seconded by Councillor Wearne.

Refer to RESOLUTION

303 RESOLUTION:

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Porter, seconded by Councillor Wearne

That:

1. Council note the following Statement in respect of Section 413(2)(c) of the Local Government Act 1993 as to its Annual Financial Reports:
 - (a) Council's annual financial reports for 2007/2008 have been drawn up in accordance with:
 - The Local Government Act 1993 (as amended) and the Regulations made there under, and
 - The Australian Accounting Standards and professional pronouncements, and
 - The Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting.
 - (b) The reports present fairly the Council's financial position and operating result for the year.
 - (c) The reports are in accordance with the Council's accounting and other records.
 - (d) The signatories do not know of anything that would make these reports false or misleading in any way.
2. Council sign the "Statements by Councillors and Management". The Statements are to be signed by the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, General Manager and the Responsible Accounting Officer.
3. Council seek a presentation from its External Auditor, PricewaterhouseCoopers, at a Council meeting following the completion of the audit.

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Item: 190 **SS - Review of the Windsor Mall Regulations Policy - (79531)**

Previous Item: Ordinary (29 July 2008)
 Ordinary (29 April 2008)

MOTION:

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Porter, seconded by Councillor Wearne.

Refer to RESOLUTION

304 RESOLUTION:

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Porter, seconded by Councillor Wearne

That:

1. The current policy entitled "Windsor Mall Regulations" be archived.
2. The updated policy "Windsor Mall Policy" as shown in Attachment 2 to this report be adopted.
3. An appropriate communication/ awareness strategy be developed and undertaken as part of the implementation of Windsor Mall Policy.
4. The relevant fees and charges included in Council's Revenue Pricing Policy and referred to in Council's resolution of 29 April 2008 relating to Outdoor Dining and Footpath Trading be endorsed and implemented.

Item: 191 **SS - Exemption from Rating - 4 Ham Street, South Windsor - (81592, 95496)**

MOTION:

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Porter, seconded by Councillor Wearne.

Refer to RESOLUTION

305 RESOLUTION:

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Porter, seconded by Councillor Wearne

That:

1. In accordance with Section 556(h) of the Local Government Act, 1993 the Australian Foundation for Disability be granted exemption from rating from 1 July 2008 for the property known as 4 Ham Street, South Windsor.
2. An amount of \$746.04 be written off in respect of rates for the period 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009.

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Item: 192 **SS - Exemption from Rating - 5670 Putty Road, Colo Heights - (34786, 95496)**

MOTION:

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Porter, seconded by Councillor Wearne.

Refer to RESOLUTION

306 RESOLUTION:

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Porter, seconded by Councillor Wearne

That:

1. In accordance with Section 556(h) of the Local Government Act, 1993 the Reform Movement Pty Ltd be granted exemption from rating from 1 July 2008 for the property known as 5670 Putty Road Colo Heights.
2. An amount of \$1,262.77 be written off in respect of rates for the period 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009.

Item: 193 **SS - Policy for Payment of Expenses and Provision of Facilities to Councillors - Review - (95496)**

Previous Item: 159, Ordinary (29 July 2008)

MOTION:

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Porter, seconded by Councillor Wearne.

Refer to RESOLUTION

307 RESOLUTION:

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Porter, seconded by Councillor Wearne

That:

1. The updated Policy for "Payment of Expenses and Provision of Facilities to Councillors" attached as Attachment 2 to the report be adopted.
2. As required by Section 253(4) of the Local Government Act 1993, a copy of the adopted amended Policy be forwarded to the Director-General of the Department of Local Government, together with a copy of the public notice placing the draft Policy on public exhibition, and advice that during the required exhibition period the Council received no submissions in respect of the draft Policy.

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CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS

308 RESOLUTION:

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

That the Confidential Items be moved to the end of the business paper to be dealt with last.

309 RESOLUTION:

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Porter, seconded by Councillor Wearne.

That:

1. The Council meeting be closed to deal with confidential matters and in accordance with Section 10A of the Local Government Act, 1993, members of the Press and the public be excluded from the Council Chambers during consideration of the following items:

Item: 194 SS - Property Matter - Lease to Sligar Holdings Pty Ltd - Shop 3, McGraths Hill Shopping Centre

*This report is **CONFIDENTIAL** in accordance with Section 10A(2)(c) of the Local Government Act, 1993 as it relates to details concerning the leasing of a Council property and it is considered that the release of the information would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person or organisation with whom the Council is conducting (or purposes to conduct) business and, therefore, if considered in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest.*

Item: 196 IS - Tender No. 012/FY05 - Provision of a Septic Tank & Collection Well Effluent Removal Service

*This report is **CONFIDENTIAL** in accordance with Section 10A(2)(c) of the Local Government Act, 1993 as it relates to details concerning tenders for the supply of goods and/or services to Council and it is considered that the release of the information would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person or organisation with whom the Council is conducting (or purposes to conduct) business and, therefore, if considered in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest.*

2. In accordance with the provisions of Section 11(2) & (3) of the Local Government Act, 1993 the reports, correspondence and other relevant documentation relating to these matters be withheld from the Press and public.

The Mayor asked for representation from members of the public as to why Council should not go into closed Council to deal with these confidential matters.

There was no response, therefore, the Press and the public left the Council Chambers.

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Item: 194 SS - Property Matter - Lease to Sligar Holdings Pty Ltd - Shop 3 McGraths Hill Shopping Centre - (96505, 9587, 95496) CONFIDENTIAL

MOTION:

The General Manager advised that whilst in closed session, the Council RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Books, seconded by Councillor Rasmussen.

Refer to RESOLUTION

310 RESOLUTION:

The General Manager advised that whilst in closed session, the Council RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Books, seconded by Councillor Rasmussen.

That:

1. Council agree to surrender the existing lease between Council and Vannarith Chea and Sayoen Khun in regard to Shop 3 McGraths Hill Shopping Centre.
2. Council agree to enter into a new lease with Sligar Holdings Pty Ltd in regard to Shop 3 McGraths Hill Shopping Centre, in accordance with the proposal outlined in the report.
3. Authority be given for any documentation in association with this matter to be executed under the Seal of Council.
4. Details of Council's resolution be conveyed to the proposed Lessees and the current Lessees together with the advice that Council is not and will not be bound by the terms of its resolution until such time as appropriate legal documentation to put such resolution into effect has been agreed to and executed by all parties.

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SUPPLEMENTARY REPORTS

INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

Item: 196 **IS - Tender No. 012/FY05 - Provision of a Septic Tank & Collection Well Effluent Removal Service - (79357) CONFIDENTIAL**

Previous Item: 134, Ordinary (10 July 2007)
 160, Ordinary (14 August 2007)

Councillor Williams declared a conflict of interest in this matter as his brother is an associate Transpacific Industries Ltd, he was not in the Chamber during this item and did not take part in voting or discussion on the matter.

Councillor Devine declared a conflict of interest in this matter as he represents Transpacific Industries Ltd. in a property matter, he left the meeting and did not take part in voting or discussion on the matter.

MOTION:

The General Manager advised that whilst in closed session, the Council RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Rasmussen, seconded by Councillor Porter.

Refer to RESOLUTION

311 RESOLUTION:

The General Manager advised that whilst in closed session, the Council RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Rasmussen, seconded by Councillor Porter.

That:

1. Transpacific Industries Group Ltd be paid an amount of \$22,708 to cover the extraordinary increase in fuel costs for the period 1 September 2007 to 30 June 2008 with funding being provided from the sullage reserve for this purpose.
2. Variations in the cost of fuel be monitored on a three monthly basis, with a lump sum adjustment being made accordingly, taking into account that a transportation component has already been included within the CPI adjustment in accordance with the contract for the period 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009.
3. In making the payment, Council request Transpacific Industries Group Ltd. to ensure that the funds totally go to the sub-contractors.

312 RESOLUTION:

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Rasmussen, seconded by Councillor Wearne that open meeting be resumed.

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GENERAL MANAGER

Item: 195 GM - 2008 National Awards for Local Government - (83080, 109138, 79351)

MOTION:

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Porter, seconded by Councillor Wearne.

Refer to RESOLUTION

313 RESOLUTION:

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Porter, seconded by Councillor Wearne

That the information concerning the announcement of Council as the Category Winner in the 2008 National Awards for Local Government conducted by the Federal Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government in respect of the "Innovation in Regional Development" Category be noted.

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SECTION 5 - Reports of Committees

ROC - Floodplain Risk Management Advisory Committee Minutes - 4 August 2008 - (86589)

314 RESOLUTION:

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

That the minutes of the Floodplain Risk Management Advisory Committee held on 4 August 2008 as recorded on pages 73 to 77 of the Ordinary Business Paper be received.

ROC - Local Traffic Committee - 20 August 2008 - (80245)

315 RESOLUTION:

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

That the minutes of the Local Traffic Committee held on 20 August 2008 as recorded on pages 78 to 105 of the Ordinary Business Paper be received.

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QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

#	Councillor	Question	Response
1	Stubbs	Advised that he had heard the new footpath on Mileham Street, South Windsor is breaking up and asked if there was validity in that.	The Director Infrastructure Services advised the matter would be investigated.
2	Calvert	<p>Advised he was concerned about the litter in the City, particularly as you drive along Bells Line of Road, there is rubbish every few metres. He asked if on-the-spot fines can be issued and does Council actually do this.</p> <p>Councillor Calvert asked if the new Council could look into the matter in a few weeks' time.</p>	The Director City Planning advised he was unaware of how much revenue is raised, but it was possible to issue an on-the-spot fine if you actually see someone littering. He also explained if litter is found and the responsible person(s) are found a fine will also be issued then.
3	Paine	Advised that she had received a request to see if Council could clean up the Coles Car park at Richmond (was incorrectly referred to as the Woodlands Car Park in the meeting)	The Director Infrastructure Services advised the matter would be investigated.
4	Paine	<p>Asked what Council was doing about the Graffiti that was a real problem around town, and of which had become particularly bad over the last month, particularly through Windsor. She asked if there was anything we could do, or anything further we could do and asked if Council had a Graffiti policy that stated we had to move it as soon as possible.</p> <p>Council Paine asked if the new Council could look into the matter in the future to try and deter graffiti.</p>	<p>The Mayor advised that the Police have been involved and have found a number of youths in the area and are involved in the clean up of the Skate Park at Clarendon. He advised he had written to the Police to congratulate them on that initiative and explained that the initiative will be continuing. We also, this week, received a letter apologising from a youth who had been caught for graffiti, part of the punishment was that they had to write to the owner of the property apologising and that happened to be Council.</p> <p>The Director Infrastructure Services advised Council tries to clean up, as soon as possible, our own assets i.e. the Skate Park at Clarendon, however we don't do the whole skate area, as it would then become too slippery. He advised that it cost Council over \$100,000 per annum to clean up graffiti on our own property. He added that he has spoken with staff from Penrith City Council who advised him they have a levy for removing graffiti, which brings in over \$250,000 per annum, but they are spending well in excess of that just trying to keep up.</p>

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#	Councillor	Question	Response
5	Paine	Indicated that it was the current Council's last meeting. She wanted to publicly thank a number of staff for their assistance and a job well done and referred to Richard Vaby, Rigo Torres, Darryl Paget, Jan Sutton and Robyn Felsch. She also wanted to thank Councillors Rasmussen, Williams and Calvert for the support and care shown to her over the past four years.	The Mayor acknowledged her comment.
6	Williams	Asked if Council had received any feedback on the discharge that has been running out of Woodlands Industrial Estate into the Chain of Ponds Reserve	The Director City Planning advised no feedback since the last time the Manager Regulatory Services has spoken to them and we are still investigating that matter.
7	Williams	Thanked Councillor Paine for her comments and also thanked the staff that he finds very professional and helpful.	The Mayor acknowledged his comment.

URGENCY MOTION

Councillor Williams requested permission to move a urgent motion as a result of the fatal car accident that occurred at Windsor on Saturday, 6 September 2008.

MOTION:

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

Refer to RESOLUTION**316 RESOLUTION:**

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Porter, seconded by Councillor Rasmussen

That in accordance with Clause 2.2.3, part 3(a) of Council's Code of Meeting Practice that Councillor Williams be permitted to move an urgency motion as requested.

In accordance with the requirements of Clause 2.2.3, part 3(b) the Mayor also ruled the matter to be of great urgency.

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Engine Immobilisers

MOTION:

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

Refer to RESOLUTION

317 RESOLUTION:

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

That Council:

1. Urge the Federal Government and NSW Government to urgently introduce the requirement that all new vehicles be fitted with remote controlled engine immobilisers or other similar means to allow the Police to stop vehicles which are stolen or are refusing to stop.
2. Acknowledge the difficult and stressful job the Windsor Police carried out in a very professional manner at last Saturday's tragic crash on Windsor Road.

QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE - *continued*

#	Councillor	Question	Response
8	Rasmussen	Referred to Councillor Paine's Graffiti question and advised that he had spoken with some shop keepers in South Windsor who were busily out cleaning their shop windows after graffiti attacks and advised that the shop keepers are not happy and some are having to replace windows at times. He asked if Council could not do more like get together with the shops where the problem is major to bring together the business community and hire a security watch person who can be on duty from 11:00pm to 2:00am as the shop owners have advised the attacks usually occur between 11:00pm and 3:00am. Councillor Rasmussen commented that he knows it works, it's not expensive and can it be implemented.	The Mayor acknowledged his comment.
9	Rasmussen	Referred to Richmond Pool and asked when construction would be finished.	The Director Infrastructure Services advised it was going well and was hoping it would complete close to the school holidays.

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10	Rasmussen	Advised Salvinia Weed was rapidly building, near the confluence of the Grose and Nepean Rivers and asked if Council was aware of this and if there was anything that will be about this coming into summer because if it gets flushed down the River we will have the same problem as three years ago.	Councillor Porter, as Chair of the Hawkesbury River County Council, advised money had been allocated for a weed harvester through the Federal Government. He advised the harvester will be in by the end of October, tenders have gone out and they know the machine they are going to use and will be using their own staff, which should be better than using the contractors.
11	Rasmussen	Asked if Council had yet sent a letter congratulating the new Premier on his appointment given his interest in water and our River.	The Mayor advised that a letter would be sent.
12	Rasmussen	Also thank the staff, as they are not always recognised for the work they do into the business papers and the research they do. He particularly wanted to give a special thanks to Robyn Felsch for her great work and her sincere dealings.	The Mayor acknowledged his comment
13	Devine	Asked when the Standard LEP Template would go on public exhibition.	The Director City Planning advised it was with the Department and had been for a number of weeks and the estimate they gave him was they could have it for three to four months before we get it back to put on public exhibition.
14	Devine	Asked if we had had any response from DECC regarding the draft consultants brief for the Floodplain Risk Study.	The Director City Planning advised not formally, but have a number of discussions over the phone, but will be followed up.
15	Devine	Referred to the reference of 'Graffiti Artists' and asked if Council could adopt the policy of calling them what they are: 'Graffiti Vandals'.	The Mayor acknowledged the question.
16	Conolly	Referred to a dam at Wilberforce where the neighbour has claimed it has been leaking for a number of years and draining across his property. He asked how long Council would leave it before going back to inspect again to see if it has been resolved.	The Director City Planning advised that the owner has tried to stabilise the dam wall with some substance, which didn't work. He has also lowered the water level and has also tried another measure, but it will be flagged to follow up over the next 1 to 2 months.

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17	Porter	Referred to Portland Head Road and advised that residents had been in contact with him in regard to an application, which apparently took years to be approved and asked if neighbours could be notified when a process carries on to keep them updated on what stage the application is at.	The Mayor advised that the matter would be investigated.
18	Porter	Asked if the tenders for the Sand at the Waste Depot had closed	The Director Infrastructure Services advised that tenders had closed and will be reported to the next Ordinary Meeting.
19	Porter	Asked how many tender submissions had been received for the Sand at the Waste Depot.	The Director Infrastructure Services advised that six submissions had been received.
20	Porter	Advised that he was notified today that there would be an Eisteddfod held in the Windsor Function Centre on Saturday as well as elections.	The Mayor added that there was also a 50-year anniversary celebration for the South Windsor Public School on as well.
21	Porter	Thanked the staff for their assistance over the years and thought everyone had worked well together.	The Mayor acknowledged his comments.
22	Wearne	Thanked everyone on staff, particularly wanted to emphasise Robyn Felsch and Jan on Switch who he thought was absolute first class.	The Mayor acknowledged his comments.
23	Books	As this was his last Council meeting and the last meeting of the current Council, he indicated his thanks to Councillors and staff during his terms on Council and highlighted a number of points of interest from this period.	The Mayor acknowledged his comments.

The meeting terminated at 8:05pm

Submitted to and confirmed at the Ordinary meeting held on 21 October 2008.

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