

10 EXECUTIVE SERVICES

Nil Reports

11 NOTICES OF MOTION

11.1 NOTICE OF MOTION: NO. 986 - TREE REMOVAL PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Author: *Councillor Rob Eldridge*

File No: *GV/10/030*

Attachments: *Nil*

I hereby give notice of my intention to move the following motion at the Ordinary Council Meeting to be held on 17 August 2020.

MOTION

THAT Council resolve that:

1. As a priority, a local planning policy is developed prioritising protection of existing mature vegetation in all subdivision and development planning applications to be implemented through a future Planning Scheme Amendment.
2. A report be prepared by officers and presented to the September Ordinary Council meeting, outlining the requirements, resources and timelines to implement the policy, and also what steps are to be taken to ensure appropriate interim measures are in place to assist with the consideration and assessment of existing and new planning permit applications for vegetation removal until a policy is established.
3. A further report be prepared by officers and presented to Council at a later day focused on the appropriate planning mechanisms available to respond to further potential environmental impacts of development such as climate change, canopy protection and community health.

Officer Comment:

The Mitchell Planning Scheme requires a planning permit to remove, destroy or lop native vegetation and in some instance exotic vegetation. The planning permit triggers are based on the type of the vegetation. The type of the vegetation is important as it has relevance to the habitat for plants, animals and surrounding environment.

The circumference of the vegetation at 1.5 metres circumference when measured at 1 metre above ground level is not a consideration when assessing or deciding on a planning permit application for vegetation removal. Decision making tools when assessing removal of vegetation are retention value, risk, life expectancy and significance of vegetation to the area.

Between the years of 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020 (as of June 2020), a total of 105 planning permit applications triggered vegetation removal.

NOTICE OF MOTION: NO. 986 - TREE REMOVAL PLANNING APPLICATIONS (CONT.)

The annual breakdown is below:

	2017	2018	2019	2020 (as of June)
<i>Vegetation Removal Applications</i>	27	29	31	18

There is no record of these decisions with regards to the size of the vegetation. If all vegetation removal applications were to go to Council, this would significantly increase the volume of work, double or triple the councils reports and result in delays of planning decisions.

All planning permit applications for vegetation removal go to a Committee of Delegates to determine whether the vegetation removal is appropriate.

The Committee of Delegates consist of:

- Chief Executive Officer
- Director of Development and Infrastructure
- Other Director (rotating)
- Manager Development Approvals
- Statutory Planning Coordinator

Each month, a report is provided to Councillors which details all planning permit applications carried out under delegation. The report can be amended to group applications which included vegetation removal. This will provide the opportunity for Councillors to further explore planning permit applications which in include vegetation removal and the need to be considered at Council.

Signed: _____

Cr Rob Eldridge

Date: 15 July 2020

11.2 NOTICE OF MOTION: NO. 987 - VICTORIAN COUNCILS - LOCAL GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATION NATIONAL CABINET

Author: *Councillor Bob Humm*

File No: *GV/10/030*

Attachments: *Nil*

I hereby give notice of my intention to move the following motion at the Ordinary Council Meeting to be held on 17 August 2020.

MOTION

THAT Council:

1. Write to the relevant Federal and State Government Ministers, including the Department of the Prime Minister to request the Federal Government include Local Government representation, through the Australian Local Government Association, on the National Reform Council, as it currently exists with the Council of Australian Governments.
2. Support both the Australian Local Government Association and the Municipal Association of Victoria advocacy efforts on Council's behalf to the Federal Government.
3. Write a letter of support to Cr John White, Mayor of East Gippsland Shire Council in advocating for Victorian Local Government representation on the National Cabinet, acknowledging actions 1 and 2.

Councillor Comment

The Prime Minister, Scott Morrison, recently announced that the National Cabinet has agreed to the formation of the National Federation Reform Council and the cessation of the Council of Australian Governments (COAG) model. Councils have been represented at every COAG meeting via ALGA under a long-standing agreement.

This change will limit the representation from Local Government in this forum which raises the concern that it is in contradiction to the fundamental purpose of the three levels of government, ensuring Australians have someone to represent them at each level of government. Mitchell Shire Council supports the statement from MAV President, Boroondara Councillor Coral Ross, that the interests of the community are best served when all three levels of government work in close cooperation.

Councillors and Local Government need a voice at the table from the "Coal Face of Democracy" when dealing with and supporting Local Communities in driving their voice directly with attached needs/services to the State or Federal Policy makers is another green light support for Democracy in our country.

NOTICE OF MOTION: NO. 987 - VICTORIAN COUNCILS - LOCAL GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATION
NATIONAL CABINET (CONT.)

Officer comment

To best provide support and services to our community it is essential that Local Government has representation on the National Cabinet.

Recent events have demonstrated that Local Governments play a significant role in the planning and delivery of many services that impact on the everyday lives of Australians. Councils must continue to be part of Australia's national decision-making because they know what matters most to their respective communities and how best to deliver it.

Signed: _____

Cr Bob Humm

Date: 24 July 2020

11.3 NOTICE OF MOTION: NO. 988 - TALLAROOK STREET SEYMOUR - UNDERGROUNDING OF POWERLINES

Author: Councillor Rhonda Sanderson

File No: CR/01/080

Attachments: Nil

I hereby give notice of my intention to move the following motion at the Ordinary Council Meeting to be held on 17 August 2020.

MOTION

THAT Council officers prepare a report on any funding options available to underground the powerlines, or to move the powerlines, or to otherwise provide a solution to avoid the regular disfiguring pruning of the trees in Tallarook Street, Seymour.

Councillor comment:

Tallarook Street, Seymour, is a long boulevard of Plane Trees much loved by most Seymour residents. Each autumn, it provides a beautiful display of autumn colour which has been known to attract visitors.

However, the trees on one side of Tallarook Street have been drastically pruned over the years due to the powerlines above them.

Officer comment:

The overhead powerlines in Tallarook Street in Seymour are a combination of Low and High voltage cables and are Ausnet owned assets. Relocation works would involve boring of cables along approximately 700m of Tallarook Street, the relocation of a number of electrical sub-stations and electrical re-connection works on private land. New street lighting would also be required.

The relocation of overhead electrical cables is estimated to cost \$1.7-2.2M. This is a high-level estimate of probable costs. In order to more accurately determine the feasibility, costs and constraints of this project, it is recommended that Ausnet Services be engaged to provide an estimate of probable costs for these works. This service will incur a fee of \$500-\$1500 depending on the desired level of confidence in the cost estimates.

In the past, State Government funding has been available for powerline relocation works to enhance township amenity, however these funding programs are now solely focused on powerline relocation in high risk bushfire areas. With this in mind, other grant opportunities would need to be explored, along with the potential for Council to fund these works.

NOTICE OF MOTION: NO. 988 - TALLAROOK STREET SEYMOUR - UNDERGROUNDING OF POWERLINES (CONT.)

The annual cost of pruning the trees in Tallarook Street is approximately \$15,000. The fact that these trees have been pruned for many years and annual pruning only involves trimming regrowth, means these trees are in reasonably good health despite the aesthetics of the pruning regime.

Signed: _____

Cr Rhonda Sanderson

Date: 03 August 2020

12 DELEGATES REPORTS

12.1 DELEGATE REPORT - OVERVIEW AND UPDATE ON ACTIVITIES AND DELEGATE DELIBERATIONS

Author: Lidia Harding - Manager Governance & Corporate Accountability

File No: CL/04/001-03

Attachments: 1. Councillor Delegate Report

SUMMARY

This delegate's report provides an update on activities and deliberations of groups and associations for which Councillors are an appointed delegate for the period July 2020 and also other activities attended as a Council representative.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Delegate's Report on Overview and Update on Activities and Delegate Deliberation by Councillors for July 2020 be received and noted.

BACKGROUND

The 2016 Council Elections were held on 22 October 2016. New committee and organisation delegates were appointed on 25 November 2019. This report is presented in response to NOM 881 of the 21 November 2016 meeting which requested that each Councillor submits a Delegate Report for inclusion in the monthly Council Meeting agenda, commencing from the December 2016 meeting. The requirement for what should be included in a delegate report was amended at the Council meeting on 20 April 2020 as follows:

The Delegates Reports will include:

- a) Activities attended as a nominated Council Delegate as per the list of Committee appointments at the annual Statutory Meeting; and
- b) Other publicly advertised activities attended as an invited representative of Council.

The Report will not include:

- a) Assemblies of Councillors (as they are already reported in Council Agendas);
- b) Private activities, discussions or meetings with staff and/or community members.

The Report should be verifiable by the Councillor from the Councillor's Council Diary.

DISCUSSION

Given the restrictions as a result of COVID-19 Councillors have attended meetings online and in person where possible in this period as per their appointments as delegate and other activities as a Council representative as per Attachment 1.

Councillor Delegate Report – June and July 2020

Cr David Atkinson

Cr Atkinson submitted the following Delegate report for this period:

Other meetings and events attended as a Council representative include:

1 July 2020 – Nestle with Acting Chief Executive Officer, Mary Agostino and Mayor, Cr Lowe

6 July 2020 - 2 Citizenship Ceremonies

Cr Bill Chisholm

Nil report.

Cr Bob Cornish

Nil report.

Cr Rob Eldridge

Nil report.

Cr Annie Goble

Nil report.

Cr Bob Humm

Nil report.

Cr David Lowe

Cr Lowe submitted the following Delegate report for this period:

Meetings and events attended as a delegate:

19 June 2020 - GVWRRG Board Meeting

16 and 23 July 2020 - GVWRRG Board Planning Meeting

Other meetings and events attended as a Council representative include:

3 June 2020 – Council Community Facilities with Colin Morrison of DELWP

3 June 2020 – Interface Council meeting

25 June 2020 – Northern Council Alliance meeting

26 June 2020 – Meeting with Wendy Lovell MP and Acting Chief Executive Officer, Mary Agostino

29 June 2020 – Kilmore Radio

1 July 2020 – Nestle with Acting Chief Executive Officer, Mary Agostino and Deputy Mayor, Cr Atkinson

1 July 2020 – Briefing on Wallan Station Street Masterplan

2 July 2020 – Seymour FM radio programme

2 July 2020 – Meeting with Acting Chief Executive Officer, Mary Agostino, Steph Ryan MP and Damien Drum MP

6 July 2020 - 5 Citizenship Ceremonies welcoming 97 new citizens

8 July 2020 - ABC Evening News interview with Norman Hermant

9 July 2020 - ABC Breakfast TV to discuss Mitchell Shire Lockdown

10 July 2020 - Lockdown Meeting with Acting Chief Executive Officer, Mary Agostino and Ministers Leane, Minister for Local Government and Jaclyn Symes MP

14 July 2020 - Lockdown Mayors meeting with Minister Leane, , Minister for Local Government, DELWP and DHHS officers

17 July 2020 – MAV Meeting Rural North Mayors

17 July 2020 - Beveridge Township Development Plan Briefing

22 July 2020 - Upper Plenty Primary School – Citizenship teach-in

22 July 2020 - Interface Councils Planning meeting

23 July 2020 - ABC TV Interview for Shepparton and WIN News Interview

28 July 2020 - ABC 774 Radio interview and meeting with Acting Chief Executive Officer, Mary Agostino and Governor Dessau

29 July 2020 - Melbourne Lockdown Mayors and Minister Leane, Minister for Local Government

23 July 2020 - Seymour FM Radio show

30 July 2020 - MAV Mayoral Forum

31 July 2020 - Meeting with Acting Chief Executive Officer, Mary Agostino and Rob Mitchell, Member for McEwen

Cr Rhonda Sanderson

Cr Sanderson submitted the following Delegate report for this period:

Meetings and events attended as a delegate:

8 July 2020 - Australian Light Horse Memorial Park Committee of Management meeting

Other meetings and events attended as a Council representative include:

9 July 2020 - Seymour Business & Tourism Meeting, online

Cr Fiona Stevens

Nil report.

13 GENERAL BUSINESS

In accordance with Clause 30 of the Meeting Procedure Local Law.

14 URGENT BUSINESS

In accordance with Clause 31 of the Meeting Procedure Local Law.

15 CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS**RECOMMENDATION**

THAT in accordance with Section 66(2) of the *Local Government Act 2020*, Council resolves to close the meeting to members of the public to consider the following items which relate to matters specified under Section 3(1), as specified below.

15.1 Confirmation of Minutes of previous Confidential Meeting**15.2 Consideration of council owned land**

s3(1)(e) Legal privileged information, being information to which legal professional privilege or client legal privilege applies.

15.3 Purchase of Land

s3(1)(a) Council business information, being information that would prejudice the Council's position in commercial negotiations if prematurely released.

15.4 Re-opening of Meeting to members of the public**16 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next Ordinary meeting of Council is scheduled to be held on Monday 21 September 2020 at the Mitchell Council Chambers, 113 High Street Broadford, commencing at 7:00pm.

17 CLOSE OF MEETING