

## 11 NOTICES OF MOTION

### 11.1 NOTICE OF MOTION: NO. 975 - CYCLING CONSULTATIVE FORUM

**Author:** Councillor Rhonda Sanderson

**File No:** TR/01/003

**Attachments:** Nil

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I hereby give notice of my intention to move the following motion at the Ordinary Council Meeting to be held on 18 May 2020.

#### MOTION

**THAT** Council:

1. Initiate a Cycling Consultative Forum comprising community members, engineering and community development staff and interested Councillors to explore options to improve the cycling experience in our Shire.
2. That an action plan on options be presented to Council at the December 2020 Ordinary Council meeting with suggested items for consideration in the 2021-2022 budget.

#### Councillor comment

It is envisioned this Forum would be a short-term activity with a number of meetings over three to four months commencing from July 2020. Forums may utilise virtual meeting means such as Skype, etc.

#### Officer comment

Cycling is an important part of our transport network for both commuting and recreational purposes. Officers are always happy to have community input to help guide our future planning and infrastructure in this space.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Cr Rhonda Sanderson

Date: 17/03/2020

**11.2 NOTICE OF MOTION: NO. 981 - ROAD RENEWAL AND MAINTENANCE**

**Author:** *Councillor Bill Chisholm*

**File No:** *TR/01/003*

**Attachments:** *Nil*

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I hereby give notice of my intention to move the following motion at the Ordinary Council Meeting to be held on 18 May 2020.

There has been a funding backlog identified in Council's current infrastructure and renewal roads maintenance program, this has existed for many years and the compounding effects will have damaging impact to future generations unless addressed:

**MOTION****THAT:**

1. Council Officers prepare a report regarding how Council can implement the findings/recommendations of the Mitchell Shire Roads (March 2018) which is the Mitchell Shire Road Asset Management Report Part B.
2. The Report should outline the Shire's Strategy and possible realistic timeframes to manage the current financial gap. The report where possible should be in plain English.

**Councillor Comment**

The Roads Asset Management Report Part B states that the projected outlay necessary to provide the services covered by the Asset Management Plan including operations, maintenance, renewal, upgrade and new assets over the 10-year planning period is \$104 million or \$10.4 million dollars per year. Council's estimated available funding is \$57 million or \$5.7 million dollars on average per year as per the long-term financial plan or Budget forecast.

This is 55% of the cost to sustain the current level of service. Council needs to focus on the narrowing of this renewal and maintenance gap, for the benefit of the future residents of this Shire. As a Councillor, I would not like to leave such a huge financial and infrastructure issue for only a future generation to try and solve.

This will support Council to understand what the financial gap currently is and work towards a solution.

NOTICE OF MOTION: NO. 981 - ROAD RENEWAL AND MAINTENANCE (CONT.)

Officer comment

Council officers have captured the recommendations of the Road Sustainability Report in the Road Asset Management Plan (AMP) which becomes the strategic document Council will use to manage road services into the future. The Roads AMP can be updated annually to provide current information regarding road services. The Road Sustainability report is out of date with the majority of recommendations either actioned or captured as ongoing actions in the Road AMP, which officers then use to drive priorities.

The total of \$104M over 10 years reported in the AMP includes capital works and maintenance funding across the asset classes of roads (sealed and unsealed), kerb and channel and footpaths. The Road Sustainability report also covers these asset classes and is on par with this figure recommending as a minimum \$6M p.a just for capital renewal (excluding maintenance which is currently set at around \$3.3M).

The main finding of the Road Sustainability Review is that Council is under investing in road renewal and this will negatively impact sustainability of road services in the future. The Review recommends an immediate increase of renewal investment in road assets to \$6M each year for the next five years (Section 9.4.3 pg.53).

Council's AMP reports the same finding as the Sustainability Review; however, this is common across all of Council AMPs (Bridges, Buildings, Rec and Open Spaces, Drainage).

Council was provided a copy of the Sustainability Review in late 2018 and Councillor discussions included an agreement that roads funding would incrementally increase over 5 years to achieve the requirements to manage the network. However, the budget process has not been able to accommodate the increases due to competing demands/requirements of other asset classes (bridges, drainage, recreation and open space assets).

Council has recently created a new position Coordinator Road Renewal and has successfully secured an experienced roads practitioner who will use their knowledge and skills to drive our future capital works programs. It is worth noting too that Council has made an investment in a new Pavement Management System which will assist Council optimise its current investment in road maintenance. A PMS will ensure every dollar achieves its maximum outcome. The PMS will ensure sound engineering/science principles are included in all future road network decisions.

Council will be required, under Section 92 of the *Local Government Act 2020*, as from 1 July 2022 to develop and adopt a 10-year Asset Plan for each class of infrastructure asset. These plans will provide a wholistic view of all of Council's infrastructure assets and will align with Council's 10-year Financial Plan. The introduction of this requirement will enable Council to understand and plan for managing competing resource requirements to address renewal gaps across all asset classes.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Cr Bill Chisholm

Date: 26/04/2020

**11.3 NOTICE OF MOTION: NO. 982 - LETTER TO SUPPORT COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT FOLLOWING PANDEMIC**

**Author:** *Councillor Bill Chisholm*

**File No:** *EM/12/012*

**Attachments:** *Nil*

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I hereby give notice of my intention to move the following motion at the Ordinary Council Meeting to be held on 18 May 2020.

**MOTION**

**THAT** Council:

1. Write to the relevant State and Federal Government Ministers, including the Department of the Prime Minister acknowledging their work so far to protect the community during the current COVID - 19 pandemic. Further that the correspondence should indicate Council's desire to support community involvement in any processes to review the impacts of the pandemic or consider recovery and the future implications from this unprecedented time. We feel there would be substantial benefits for all if such a process took place.
  
2. Send of copy of the letter to our local representatives.

**Councillor Comment**

At present Australian Governments at all levels and the various political parties are focusing on the future economic impacts of C19 on the Australian economy, particularly, how to stimulate business and pay off debt etc.

We have never had such a perfect opportunity with the combination of adequate technology and people in lockdown to obtain firsthand the thoughts and views from the general public regarding what they would like to see as the future direction of Australia. In the past in many cases during extreme times of crisis Australian Governments have sought input from the general population and particularly those impacted by events on the best way forward and how to implement lessons learned.

We have had many previous examples of where a Royal Commission or some other sort of major enquiry has been implemented during or after a major disaster or social disruption or similar significant event.

There are many lessons and significant improvements that could possibly be looked at from a wide-ranging enquiry both from a social and economic prospective. I fully hope the people of Australia are given the opportunity to have their say, on the future way forward for our nation.

NOTICE OF MOTION: NO. 982 - LETTER TO SUPPORT COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT FOLLOWING PANDEMIC (CONT.)

Officer comment

During the pandemic Mitchell Shire Council along with all local governments across the Nation have adapted how they deliver services to the community, how they maintain active community engagement and connections, entered partnerships with various sectors to ensure broad support to the community and have been generally agile and innovative. This agility has and will continue to support both the State and Federal governments to keep the community safe, connected and engaged in the things that are important to them.

It is important to work with State and Federal governments to unpack the learnings of this experience, which will assist to maintain the focus of working for the communities greater good, together.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Cr Bill Chisholm

Date: 6/05/2020

**12 DELEGATES REPORTS**

Nil Reports

**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 Contract 132671 - Environmental Auditor Panel for Mitchell Shire Landfill sites**

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

**15.3 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 22 June 2020 at the Mitchell Council Chambers, 113 High Street Broadford, commencing at 7:00pm.

**17 CLOSE OF MEETING**