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OBERON COUNCIL

*Unconfirmed Minutes
Works Committee Meeting
Tuesday 3 April 2012
5.01pm Council Chambers*

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Mayor

01 Opening of Meeting

File No: Governance/Meetings/Works

The Mayor welcomed members and declared the meeting open at 5.01pm.

02 Record of Attendance

File No: Governance/Meetings/Works

Members	Cr Don Fitzpatrick, Mayor - Chair Cr John McMahon, Deputy Mayor Cr Ian Doney Cr Keith Sullivan Cr Neil Francis Cr Kerry Gibbons Cr Bob O’Bernier
Officers	Alan Cairney, General Manager John Chapman, Director of Corporate Services (from 5.45pm) Gary Wallace, Director of Development Aruna Wickramasinghe, Director of Engineering Ian Tucker, Works Manager Sharon Swannell, Executive Assistant Hanna Bates, Trainee
Apologies	Cr Clive McCarthy
Moved:	O’Bernier
Second:	Doney

That apologies be received and accepted for the non-attendance of Cr Clive McCarthy.

Carried

03 Inspections

File No: Governance/Meetings/Works

Councillors visited the Oberon Common and carried out an inspection of the parking facilities and toilet facilities.

Councillors returned to the meeting at 5.45pm.

The Director of Development, Gary Wallace left the meeting at 5.45pm.

The Director of Corporate Services, John Chapman joined the meeting at 5.45pm.

Moved: O’Bernier
Second: McMahon

That:

- A disabled car park be installed near the recently constructed pathway at the Common which joins Edith Road using blue metal to stabilise the surface
- ‘No Parking’ signs be erected for the remainder of the Edith Road area
- Signs be erected directing motorists to the parking areas and visitors to the location of the toilets.

Carried

It was noted that the disabled car park be installed for two parking spaces at this stage.

Moved: Doney
Second: Sullivan

That a concept plan be prepared for future development of the Common and Visitor Information Centre precinct and costing of future projects with particular reference to parking facilities for caravans and a road safety awareness park for children be included.

Carried

Moved: Sullivan
Second: McMahon

That the cement render on the external walls of the toilet block at The Common be removed and an anti graffiti seal be applied.

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It was noted that the Works Manager will contact the contractor to vary the works requested. If this cannot be accommodated the project will proceed as originally planned.

04 Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)

Works Committee Meeting 8 November 2011



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Moved: McMahon
Second: Francis

That the Minutes of the duly convened Ordinary Meeting held on 8 November 2011 be taken as read and confirmed.

Carried

Matters Arising from the Minutes

Nil

04 Declarations of Interest

Pecuniary	-	Nil
Conflicts	-	Nil
Staff	-	Nil

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05 Presentation

A presentation was provided by Director of Engineering, Aruna Wickramasinghe regarding:

- (a) Current Funding, Construction/Maintenance Practices and Future Strategy
- (b) Pothole patching Crew
- (c) The use of escort vehicles at Construction Sites
- (d) Work practices during Christmas (December/January)

05.01.01 Current Work Practice, Funding and Future Strategy

File No: Roads General

Moved: McMahon

Second: O’Bernier

Council note the information in this report and the presentation related to current work practices and funding related to local roads and endorse proposed future strategy within funding constraints.

Carried

06 Director of Engineering Reports

06.01.01 Plant Replacement Program 2012 - 2017

File: Plant Equipment and Stores/Acquisition/Plant Replacement

Moved: Sullivan
Second: O’Bernier

That the 2012-2017 Plant Replacement Program be approved in principle and further that Council endorse the usage of the plant replacement template for prioritising and replacement of plant.

Carried

06.01.02 Construction Update and Program for 2011-12

File No: Roads/Programs/Local Roads

Moved: O’Bernier
Second: McMahon

That Council note the construction program up to 30 June 2012 and update on Gingkin Road.

Carried

06.01.03 Draft Road Response Risk Management Policy

File No: Governance/Policies/Council Adopted Policies

Moved: O’Bernier
Second: Sullivan

That Council note the information on the draft Road Response Risk Management Policy.

Carried

06.01.04 Purchase of Three Tonne Roller

File No: Plant Equipment and Stores/Acquisition/Plant Replacement

Moved: McMahon
Second: Gibbons

That Council approve the purchase of a Caterpillar CB24 Double Drum 3 tonne roller for \$38,000 (exclusive of GST) under the current plant replacement budget.

Carried

06.01.05 Abercrombie Road Construction

File No: Engineering/Roads/R256.1

Moved: O’Bernier
Second: Gibbons

1. That the information be received and noted
2. That Council approve funding any over expenditure of \$30,000 from the Road Construction Reserve.

Carried

06.01.06 O’Connell Avenue Works

File No: Engineering/Roads/R253.2

Moved: McMahon
Second: O’Bernier

That contact be made with the RMS in regards to the safety issues around the culvert located on the western side of the O’Connell Avenue between the café and the bus shelter when walking to the bus stop with a view of resolving the safety concerns.

Carried

07 Items for Discussion as Requested by Councillors

07.01.01 Discussion Items Requested by Councillor Gibbons

File No: Governance/Meetings/Works Committee

Moved: Gibbons
Second: McMahon

That the information be received and noted.

Carried

Councillor O’Bernier left the meeting at 7.59pm.

It was noted that the Council is seeking support from the Shires Association to lobby the RMS to change the guidelines with respect to sight distances for property access on minor local roads and the Mayor will raise this matter with the Executive of E Division.

07.01.02 Discussion Items Requested by Councillor Doney

File No: Governance/Meetings/Works Committee

Moved: McMahon
Second: Sullivan

That the information be received and noted.

Carried

Moved: Doney
Second: Gibbons

That improvements to Todds Road be assessed and an estimate be prepared for consideration with the 2012/13 Draft Budget.

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07.01.03 Discussion Items Requested by Councillor McCarthy

File No: Governance/Meetings/Works Committee

Moved: Doney
Second: Francis

That the information be received and noted.

Carried

Moved: Fitzpatrick
Second: Gibbons

That staff investigate a proposed purchase of land to facilitate a walkway from Albion Street to the town centre.

Carried

Discussion was held regarding water pooling along the side of Abercrombie Road near Murrays Lane. The Director of Engineering and Works Manager will inspect this issue with a view to ensuring this matter is resolved during the next section of works.

It was noted that discussion was held about the need to engage a consultant to carry out investigation for a reservoir at Falls Hill. This matter was deferred at this point, pending consideration of the long term financial plan in association with the Community Strategic Plan.

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08 General Business

Flood Damaged Roads

Councillor Francis raised concerns about significant washing on Bald Ridge Road. The road has washed out significantly and a large pipe is exposed.

Councillor Francis also advised that significant cracks have appeared in the road surface on Arkstone Road where patching was previously carried out. Hintons Road where gravel has been applied has washed badly after recent wet weather and storm/flood water damage has occurred on several causeways on Schumachers Road.

The Director of Engineering advised that for restoration work to be carried out under emergency relief funding Council is required to submit a detailed assessment and claim to the RMS which is then assessed and approved. These roads will be included in this program.

Councillor Sullivan requested staff to investigate cost of repairs and accelerate any grant funding that may be received for flood relief.

Councillor Doney raised concerns about the condition of Beaconsfield Road, where the O'Connell Avenue traffic is being detoured. The road surface has broken up significantly. The Director of Engineering advised that this has already been discussed with RMS and will be addressed.

09 Closed Session Reports

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10 Closure of Meeting

This concluded the business of the meeting, the meeting rose at 8.52pm.

The next Works Committee Meeting of Oberon Council will be held on 26 June 2012, commencing at 5.00pm in the Oberon Council Chambers, 137 – 139 Oberon Street, Oberon.

Confirmed this _____ day of _____ 2012.

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