

# OBERON COUNCIL

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Present: The Mayor, Councillor D Fitzpatrick (in the Chair), Councillors J McMahon, I Doney, N Francis, R O’Bernier, K Gibbons and C McCarthy.

The General Manager, Leanne Mash; Director of Engineering, Aruna Wickramasinghe; the Director of Corporate Services, John Chapman; Director of Development, Gary Wallace; Works Manager, Ian Tucker and the Executive Assistant, Sharon Swannell

## Apologies

Moved: McMahon

Second: O’Bernier

Apologies were received and accepted for the non-attendance of Councillor Keith Sullivan.

Carried

## Minutes from Previous Meeting

Moved: McMahon

Second: O’Bernier

The Minutes of the Works Committee Meeting held on 2 May 2011 were received and accepted.

Carried

## Declarations of Interest

Nil

## Actions from Works Inspection carried out on Monday 24 October 2011

### Common Toilet Block

The Director of Engineering advised that the builder had been contacted to provide an estimate of costs to remove the existing render and replace with a harder render. The builder advised that he will provide a quote next week.

Council staff installed the render – Councillor McCarthy asked if staff can remove the render?

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The General Manager advised that the builder has been asked if there is a way to fix the existing render. If this is not possible Council staff will remove the render and a contractor will re-install an appropriate surface.

## **Common Bike/Walking Paths**

The Director of Engineering advised that staff had been request to check the difference in costing between bitumen and concrete paths. Some of the paths in the Common have had gravel installed already to allow for bitumen sealing of the paths. There is approximately 150m<sup>2</sup> of paths left to be constructed which have not been formed with gravel.

The plan is to first complete the paths where the gravel has been formed with a bitumen seal. If there is money remaining once this is complete the remaining paths will be constructed. The path to be constructed around the top pond is proposed to be constructed in concrete as it is in the same vicinity as the existing concrete paths. Paths where the gravel has been installed in the lower area will be constructed in a bitumen surface.

The difference in cost is \$70 - \$80/m<sup>2</sup>. The total budget for paths in the Common is \$80,000.

Council agree that this the most appropriate plan of action.

## **Parking Area at the Common**

A report was provided to the April 2011 Ordinary Meeting providing costings to relocate the posts and create parking along Edith Road at the Common. The estimate for the works presented in April was \$19,000. Council have previously resolved to take no action in relation to this matter.

Councillor Gibbons advised that cars are parking along the roadside on Edith Road in preference to using the carpark. His suggestion is to move the existing posts forward to allow more cars to park along this roadside.

Moved: O'Bernier  
Second: Gibbons

That staff investigate and report back design and costing of nose in parking along the Edith Road adjacent to the lake at The Common.

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## **Council Owned Vacant Building Blocks – Edith Road**

The Director of Engineering advises that a hydrological analysis of the catchment and stormwater upstream is required. A plan may then be required to create an easement.

Councillor McCarthy explained that the purpose of the request is to establish the cost of installing drainage on the three blocks and/or the five blocks. The purpose of the report is to provide the opportunity to utilise landfill that is currently being taken for use at the Oberon Tip to bring the land up to standard for sale.

Feedback on timing for developing the plan and costings will be provided at the Ordinary Meeting on 15 November 2011.

## **Edith Road Bridge**

Staff are currently removing the vegetation on the roadside to the property line on the approaches to the bridge.

The height of the bridge markers (black and white chevron signs) is also being investigated, with the goal to lower them to increase visibility.

Councillor McCarthy advised that two metres on either side of the bridge the road surface is in dis-repair.

The Director of Engineering will investigate.

## **Leagues Club Grounds Drainage**

There is no capital funding available to undertake this work. The only funding source is the Stormwater Maintenance fund.

Investigation has been undertaken with the design engineer to find a suitable solution to the drainage. Improvements can be made to the existing dish drain to address the water pooling on the south eastern corner of the Senior League field.

The work will be carried out with minimum disruption.

## **Box Flat/O'Connell Road Intersection**

Concerns have been raised about the location of the Bus Stop at Box Flat/O'Connell Road Intersection. The Director of Engineering advised that the location that the bus is currently stopping is the permanent bus-stop. An RTA Safety Audit has established that the busses used to stop along the Box Flat Road intersection. Where the bus is currently stopping is the permanent position of the bus stop.

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Councillor McCarthy advised that the shelter shed is 30 – 40 metres away from the location where the bus stops. There is not enough space for the bus to pull up clear of the traffic line.

The Director of Engineering advised that the design shows there is enough space on the road shoulder for the bus to stop.

By recessing the kerb by an additional amount the bus could safely pull off the road to pick up the children.

Moved: McCarthy  
Second: O’Bernier

That Council progress with the RTA their concerns regarding safety issues at the Box Flat/O’Connell Road Intersection Bus Stop. Further that Council has a preference for a dedicated bus bay to be constructed during this period of works.

Carried

## **Ryan’s Lane**

The Works Manager has discussed the matter with the Overseer. This will be fixed as soon as resources are available.

## **Todds Road**

The Director of Engineering advised that work would need to be consider with other capital improvement programs.

Moved: McCarthy  
Second: McMahan

That estimates be sought for the removal of trees and the cost to seal the entrance to improve safety at Todds Road to be included in 2012/13 budget deliberations.

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**Additional items raised by Councillor McCarthy**

**a. Gingkin Road from end of seal – proposed new works**

Councillor McCarthy advised that discussion has been ongoing with Terry Behan in relation to a land acquisition to allow the corner to be removed on the gravel section of Gingkin Road. The existing location of the Telstra Line would need to be relocated at a substantial cost if the road alignment is moved beyond the current design.

Councillor Gibbons asked if the traffic flows are significant.

The Works Manager advised that current traffic data is not available.

Councillor McCarthy asked if a firm quote can be obtained from Telstra to relocate the line to create a visibly straight road. The General Manager advised that this would be obtained and a report will be provided to a future Council Meeting.

**b. Old gravel pit north side O'Connell Road 3.5km out of Oberon**

Trees are to be removed and spoil to be provided when resources are available to rehabilitate the site.

**c. Question regarding funds for bridge deck Bald Ridge Road, Burruga**

There are no funds available in the 2011/12 budget.

The Bridge Decks have been replaced, but at this point there are insufficient funds to replace with concrete structures.

**d. Fence around the Common**

Discussion was held in relation to the cost of fencing around each of the ponds at the Oberon Common.

Moved: McCarthy  
Second: O'Bernier

That estimates be provided for fencing around the three ponds at the Oberon Common for review at the 2012/13 budget deliberations.

Carried

## Items raised by Councillor Gibbons

### Operator Training

Discussion was held in relation to training for plant operators. The General Manager undertook to investigate traineeships for Plant Operators.

### Oberon Indoor Sports and Tennis Centre

Councillor Gibbons advised that there appears to be a dip in the courts on the fourth court (western end). This will be investigated.

The Works Manager has inspected the water seepage on the north western corner of the building in conjunction with Harold Lyme from the Oberon Tennis Association.

Councillor McCarthy advised that the level of spoon drain on the outside of the building is to be investigated.

The Works Manager advised that there is a PVC Stormwater line but no ag-line. He will further investigate the drainage.

### The Common Wishing Well

Councillor Gibbons has spoken to representatives of Rotary who advised that they will bring work to finish the Wishing Well in the Common in the next couple of weeks.

### Abercrombie Road – REPAIR Program

Councillor McCarthy had raised concerns about the vertical curves and road height on the current section of works on Abercrombie Road.

The Director of Engineering advised that a design was submitted to the RTA when the application was submitted to the REPAIR Program. The crests will be improved as much as possible within the current budget but not to the extent that had been previously discussed by Council.

RTA REPAIR funds are normally allocated to improve the road surface – some curve improvements are possible.

Councillor Gibbons asked if the budget included the final seal on the works. The Works Manager advised that a combination of REPAIR and Block Funding will be utilised to put the final seal on the last three sections of work on Abercrombie Road as well as a primer seal on the new section of work.

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The Director of Engineering advised that investigation will be undertaken into the option of using a double coat at the time of sealing rather than a primer seal then a final seal.

Moved:       McCarthy  
Second:       Gibbons

That an overtaking lane be included in the design of the next section of works on Abercrombie Road and the adjoining landowner on the south western side prior to Sloggetts Road be approached in relation to land acquisition to facilitate the overtaking lane. Further that the overtaking lane be included in the application for the next RTA REPAIR Program Grant funding application.

Carried

## **General Business**

### **Titania Road**

Councillor Gibbons advised that a section of Titania Road is breaking up on Edith Road end.

Works Manager advised that there has been a problem on this road and the surface has been breaking up for many years. He believes the problem is caused by a combination of heavy vehicles and thin pavement.

### **Dog Rocks Road**

Councillor Francis asked what has happened to upgrade and seal the gravel section on Dog Rocks Road.

The Works Manager advised that the pre-election commitment from Paul Toole MP has been verbally confirmed. The funding will be provided over two years. Paul Toole MP advised that this will be confirmed in writing.

Councillor McMahon asked if we will be sealing the existing surface or building a new road.

The Works Manager advised that this will need to be investigated further. The current proposal is to stay basically within the existing alignment. It is not considered to be practical to go on a completely new alignment on the steep narrow sections.

Some earth works will commence this financial year and work will be completed in the next financial year.

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## Feedback to Councillors

The Mayor advised that the minutes from last Works Committee Meeting contained several matters which had not been progressed and Council had not been advised. It was requested that when Councillors do raise issues if the job is not going to be completed staff need to provide this feedback to Council.

## CLOSED COUNCIL

Moved: McCarthy

Second: Gibbons

That:

1. Council resolve into closed Council to consider business identified, together with any late confidential reports tabled at the meeting.
2. Pursuant to section 10A(1)-(3) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, the media and public be excluded from the meeting on the basis that the business to be considered is classified as confidential under the provisions of section 10A(2) as outlined above.
3. The correspondence and reports relevant to the subject business be withheld from access to the media and public as required by section 11(2) of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

Carried

*Council closed the meeting at 6.56pm, there were no members of the public present at this point in time.*

Moved: McMahon

Second: McCarthy

That Council move out of closed Council and into open Council.

Carried

*Open Council resumed at 7.10pm.*

The following resolutions made by Council while the meeting was closed to the public were read to the meeting by the Mayor, there were no members of the public present.

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Moved: McCarthy  
Second: McMahon

That Council investigate the feasibility of a second reservoir site.

Carried

This concluded the business of the meeting, the meeting closed at 7.11pm

Confirmed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2011.

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