

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC HOUSE, TRAFALGAR STREET, NELSON ON THURSDAY 4 SEPTEMBER 2008 COMMENCING AT 9.00AM

PRESENT: Councillor M Holmes (Chairperson), Councillors I Barker, A Boswijk, G Collingwood, D Henigan, A McAlpine, A Miccio, R Reese, D Shaw and G Thomas

IN ATTENDANCE: V Altmets (Chief Executive), F Galloway (Divisional Manager Infrastructure), A Louverdis (Manager Technical Services), M Schruer (Manager Infrastructural Assets) and R Palmer (Administration Adviser)

APOLOGIES: Apologies from His Worship the Mayor (K Marshall) and Councillors M Cotton and P Rainey were received and accepted

1.0 PUBLIC FORUM

1.1 Unformed Road Reserve - Mount Street

Mr Steve Cotter spoke to the Committee outlining his concerns that no work had been done to mark out the area of street where the footpath was proposed to be formed at the end of Mount Street.

The Divisional Manager Infrastructure advised that the builder would be moving the material presently on the road reserve and contouring the land once the weather became settled, and following that the neighbours would be advised and an on site meeting held.

The Committee discussed the work proposed to be done in re-contouring the site and it was agreed that a meeting on site should be held at the earliest opportunity regardless of whether the material had been moved or not.

The Divisional Manager Infrastructure undertook to arrange such a meeting.

2.0 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

24 July 2008

Resolved

***THAT** the minutes of the meeting of the Infrastructure Committee, held on Thursday 24 July 2008, be confirmed as a true and correct record.*

Boswijk/Miccio

Carried

3.0 INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE STATUS REPORT – AUGUST 2008

Document No 630999, agenda page 8 refers.

Resolved

***THAT** the Infrastructure Committee Status Report for August 2008 be received.*

Miccio/Shaw

Carried

4.0 FINANCE REPORT

Document No 688113, dated 27 August 2008, agenda pages 9-19 refer.

Attendance: Chris Fitchett, Chief Financial Officer, presented the report.

Mr Fitchett drew the Committee's attention to a correction in the first paragraph where the word "eleven" should be "twelve".

In response to a query Mr Fitchett advised that a report on the carry forward of any monies in relation to projects would be part of the Annual Report presently being prepared.

Resolved

THAT the Finance Statement in respect of infrastructure activities for the twelve months ended 30 June 2008 be received and the variations be noted.

Collingwood/Miccio

Carried

5.0 MAJOR INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS

Document No 647115, dated 4 September 2008, agenda pages 20-23 refer.

Attendance: Alec Louverdis, Manager Technical Services, presented the report.

A query was raised regarding the generator recently installed at the Tahunanui Stormwater Pump Station in Centennial Road.

Mr Louverdis advised that following a decision by Council in 2006 a move had been made to install generators at the Council's stormwater pump stations, on the basis that this would enable them to relinquish the transformers located at each station which were leased from the Electricity Supply Authority.

He explained that this would save considerable ongoing costs as the pumps were only run two or three times a year to meet flood situations, but the transformers were an annual cost.

He explained that a secondary consideration was that it would be possible for the Council to receive a very good payment from the Electricity Supply Authority if it could run the generators at its pump stations to feed electricity back into the reticulation system at periods of peak electricity use.

He explained that this particular generator when operating did not meet the noise limits under the Nelson Resource Management Plan at the residential boundary.

The generator either needed to be relocated to meet the condition in the plan or else a resources consent was required.

Mr Louverdis advised that installing a diesel generator at the particular pump station concerned had to date cost \$63,000 which included the purchase price of \$48,000, the installation of a concrete pad, the set up and telemetry for the generator, and staff costs.

The meeting was advised that at this stage there was no indication as to how much it was likely to cost for a resource consent.

Mr Louverdis advised that he was aware of the resident's concern and was proposing to meet with them to work through the issues prior to initiating any application.

Resolved

THAT the report regarding Major Infrastructure Projects for August 2008 be received.

Holmes/Boswijk

Carried

6.0 LEGISLATION CHANGES – TRANSPORT

Document No 687555, dated 15 August 2008, agenda pages 24-27 refer.

Resolved

THAT the information regarding changes to the legislation relating to transport be received.

McAlpine/Shaw

Carried

7.0 DRAFT REGIONAL LAND TRANSPORT STRATEGY

Document No 689921, dated 25 August 2008, agenda pages 28-29 refer.

Attendance: Andrew James, Engineer Transport and Waste Management, presented the report.

Mr James drew the Committee's attention to the changes which had been suggested to the draft Regional Land Transport Strategy by the Councillors at the Workshop held on Tuesday 2 September 2008. He explained that these and any other comments which the Councillors might like to make would be forwarded to the Regional Land Transport Committee which was meeting on Friday 12 September 2008 with a recommendation that they be made to the draft prior to consultation.

The meeting was advised that this was an opportunity for the Council to signal its comfort or otherwise with the general thrust of the Strategy prior to it being advertised for public submission.

Councillor Barker expressed a degree of discomfort with the document explaining that in his opinion the process was fragmented, the document made too many assumptions particularly regarding climate change and gave no consideration for the aged in the community who could be taxed for something they could not use.

He explained that in his opinion the Strategy attempted to change attitudes and likely would not receive community support.

Councillor Collingwood also expressed concerns regarding the document advising that in her opinion it was patriarchal and authoritarian, and although she had made some comments at the previous workshop these had been ignored and she questioned whether Councillor's input would serve any purpose.

Resolved

THAT the suggested changes to the draft Regional Land Transport Strategy be forwarded to the Regional Land Transport Committee for its consideration.

Holmes/Miccio

Carried

Note: Councillor Barker recorded his vote against the motion.

8.0 WIND STORM EVENT AND MAITAI PIPELINE DAMAGE – 30 JULY 2008

Document No 684960, dated 14 July 2008, agenda pages 30-38 refer.

Attendance: Alec Louverdis, Manager Technical Services, Paul McArthur, Manager Parks and Facilities, and Chris Fitchett, Chief Financial Officer, spoke to the Committee.

Mr Louverdis advised that he had had discussions with the residents of Nile Street regarding the additional logging traffic and its use of the alternative route during the periods when Collingwood Street was closed due to the upgrade works being carried out. He advised that the residents appreciate the situation and were generally happy with the arrangements which had been made.

A query was raised as to whether Councillors could be involved in any decisions as to replanting of forestry areas.

Mr McArthur advised that it was proposed to report to Council later in the year regarding Council forestry operations in general and this would give Councillors the opportunity they sought.

Members of the Committee expressed their appreciation for the media reports which had been provided by staff during and after the event and requested that a summary of the information in the report within the agenda be made available to the community.

Recommendation to the Council

THAT the report regarding the Wind Storm Event and the Maitai Pipeline Damage on 30 July 2008 be received;

AND THAT the costs associated with the storm event be funded from the Emergency Fund, any money left from the Contingency Fund at the end of the financial year with any shortfall being funded by a loan;

AND THAT future funding to the Emergency Fund be considered by the Council as part of the 2009/10 budget deliberations.

Shaw/Thomas

Carried

Resolved

THAT the Council express its thanks to all the staff involved in the response to the storm event of 30 July 2008, for the work which they did in reinstating the damaged infrastructure and reserves and in keeping the public informed.

Boswijk/Reese

Carried

9.0 PARKING AND VEHICLE CONTROL BYLAW PENALTIES

Document No 677137, dated 1 July 2008, agenda pages refer 39-40.

The Administration Adviser advised of the background to the Bylaw and the proposal that it be amended to provide for a more reasonable penalty in relation to contraventions of the provision against selling vehicles on the street.

Recommendation to the Council

THAT Clause 29 of the Parking and Vehicle Control Bylaw 2004 (No 207) be amended by adding the following as Clause 29(iv):

“Every person who breaches the provision of Clause 14 or Clause 15 hereof shall be liable to a fine of \$200”;

AND THAT special consultation process to introduce the amendment be undertaken.

Holmes/Boswijk

Carried

10.0 PARKING AND VEHICLE CONTROL BYLAW 2004, NO 207 – AMENDMENTS TO SCHEDULES

Document No 686439, dated 11 August 2008, agenda pages 41-45 refer.

Recommendation to the Council

THAT subject to the corrections to street names being made, the following alterations be made to the Schedules of Bylaw No 207 Parking and Vehicle Control – 2004 all as per the attachments to Document No 686439:

(i) Schedule 4 – Special Parking Areas

(ii) Schedule 9 – No Stopping

(iii) Schedule 14 – Give Way Signs

Reese/Barker

Carried

11.0 CONTRACTS ACCEPTED UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY

Document No 687056, dated 13 August 2008, agenda page 46 refers.

Note: Councillor Shaw declared an interest in Contract 3117 and took no part in the discussion or voting in respect of the item.

Resolved

THAT the report outlining Contracts Accepted Under Delegated Authority in the period 10 July 2008 – 12 August 2008 be received.

Holmes/Barker

Carried

12.0 GENERAL BUSINESS

12.1 Impending Departure – Fraser Galloway – Divisional Manager Infrastructure

The Committee's attention was drawn to the fact that today's meeting would be the last meeting of the Infrastructure Committee which Mr Galloway would attend as he was planning to leave the Council employment at the end of September, after 28 years service with the Council.

Resolved

THAT the thanks of the Committee to Mr Galloway for the input which he has had to the Committee meetings and the help which he has provided the Chairperson and Councillors during his time with the Council be recorded, and the Committee's best wishes for the future be extended to him.

Holmes/Shaw

Carried

Mr Galloway thanked the Councillors for their kind words.

Councillor Barker, who had joined the Nelson City Council as a staff member round the same time as Mr Galloway, extended his personal thanks and appreciation for Mr Galloway's work both as a colleague and a valued staff member.

13.0 PUBLIC EXCLUDED MINUTES

13.1 Exclusion of the Public

Resolved

THAT the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting in accordance with section 48(1)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 on the grounds that the public conduct of this part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding exists.

i) Nelson Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade (NWWTP)

Reason:

To enable the Council to carry on negotiations without prejudice or disadvantage.

Holmes/Reese

Carried

13.2 Re-admittance of the Public

Resolved

THAT the public be re-admitted to the meeting.

Boswijk/Holmes

Carried

The meeting closed at 1.25pm.

CONFIRMED AS A CORRECT RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

_____ CHAIRPERSON _____ DATE