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STRATEGIC BRIEFING FORUM

HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS,
953 SOUTH COAST HIGHWAY, DENMARK, ON
TUESDAY, 19 SEPTEMBER 2017, COMMENCING AT 10.00AM.

The Council Forum and Briefing session follows the suggested format proposed by the Department of Local Government Operational Guidelines (Number 5 January 2004). The role of such forums is to allow opportunity for elected members and senior officers of the Council to come together outside of the formal meeting process to discuss matters that do not require formal decisions, do not discuss matters on the Ordinary Council Meeting Agenda but to discuss matters that might be conceptual (brain storming etc.), informative (updates on progress with matters) or administrative in nature. For this reason they are normally held 'in committee'. Disclosures of Financial, Impartiality and Proximity interests are still to be recorded and dealt with if they arise.

1. DECLARATION OF OPENING/ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE PERSON PRESIDING

RECORD OF ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES/APPROVED LEAVE OF ABSENCE

MEMBERS:

Cr David Morrell (Shire President)
Cr Ceinwen Gearon (Deputy Shire President)
Cr Mark Allen
Cr Yasmin Bartlett
Cr Peter Caron
Cr Jan Lewis
Cr Rob Whooley
Cr Clem Wright

STAFF:

Bill Parker (Chief Executive Officer)
Gilbert Arlandoo (Director of Infrastructure Services)
Cary Green (Director of Finance & Administration)
Graham Blackmore (Acting Director of Community & Regulatory Services)
Teiga Murray (Corporate Planning Officer) – *for Item 2.2*

APOLOGIES:

Cr Janine Phillips
Annette Harbron (Director of Planning & Sustainability)

ON LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

Nil

ABSENT:

Nil

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

Nil

2. REPORTS & PRESENTATIONS

2.1 Mr Graeme Robertson & Mr Sam Williams – Sunrise Road

Mr Graeme Robertson and Mr Sam Williams attend the meeting to discuss a property on Sunrise Road and a possible amendment to the Local Planning Strategy. Mr Robertson and Mr Williams discussed the historical aspects of the property and the various proposals that had been presented to Council over many years.

Mr Robertson and Mr Williams will meet with the Shire's CEO and Director Planning and Sustainability to discuss the proposal in more detail.

2.2 Strategic Community Plan

The Corporate Planning Officer presented the final draft of the Strategic Community Plan and explained how the Project Evaluation Tool will work in preparing the Corporate Business Plan. The CEO explained how the initial project plan suggested an October adoption, however that only provided for a 2 week public consultation period. Given the amount of consultation undertaken to date, the CEO suggested a 4-5 week consultation period with the document to be considered by Council in November 2017. The group agreed.

2.3 CEO Performance Review

As per the requirements of the Local Government Act 1995 and Contract of Employment, the CEO is required to have an annual performance review. The group discussed using an external facilitator to undertake the review. In consultation with the President, the CEO has obtained quotes to undertake the review. The review will occur in early October 2017.

2.4 Power Supply in Denmark

Cr Wright gave a presentation to the elected group on power supply issues in the Shire of Denmark and more specifically the frequency and impacts of unscheduled power outages on residences and businesses. It was agreed that Cr Wright would prepare a Notice of Motion for the October 2017 Council Meeting.

2.5 The Hon. Dr Steven Thomas MLC – Shadow Minister for Environment; Water

Dr Thomas attended the meeting and discussed various projects with the Council. Dr Thomas expressed concerns in relation to the recent government decision to remove funding associated with the Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP) and William Bay National Park. Dr Thomas highlighted his support for these projects.

3. GENERAL BUSINESS

3.1 Items for potential discussion at subsequent Strategic Briefing Forums

Nil

4. CLOSURE

3.50pm – The Briefing concluded.