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STRATEGIC BRIEFING

HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS,
953 SOUTH COAST HIGHWAY, DENMARK, ON
TUESDAY, 19 OCTOBER 2021, COMMENCING AT 11.00AM.

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

Notwithstanding that this briefing was held prior to the newly elected members being sworn in to office, they have been referred to as Cr (Councillor).

MEMBERS:

Cr Clare Campbell
Cr Donna Carman
Cr Donald Clarke
Cr Nathan Devenport
Cr Ceinwen Gearon
Cr Kingsley Gibson
Cr Jan Lewis
Cr Jackie Ormsby
Cr Janine Phillips

STAFF:

David Schober (Chief Executive Officer)
David King (Director Assets and Sustainable Development, Deputy CEO)
Gina McPharlin (Director Corporate and Community Services)
Claire Thompson (Governance Coordinator)
Angela Simpson (Corporate Planner)
Damian Schwarzbach (Project Manager, Assets and Sustainable Development)

APOLOGIES: Nil

ON LEAVE OF ABSENCE: Nil

ABSENT: Nil

VISITORS:

Luke Bentley,
Regional Manager, Department of Biodiversity, Conservation & Attractions and staff

Colin Stonehouse, Ames and Associates

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

As this meeting is informal, Councillors are not required to declare any interests however, for transparency, it is recommended that both Councillors and Officers do and that those interests be recorded in the meeting Notes.

2. REPORTS & PRESENTATIONS

2.1 Councillor Induction

The Governance Coordinator and CEO led a welcome, induction and tour of the Shire administration building for all new Councillors.

2.2 DBCA Fire Management plan for season 21/22

DBCA Regional Manager, Luke Bentley, and team discussed DBCA's fire mitigation and management planning for the coming fire season. This included their fuel reduction Prescribed Burning program.

2.3 Pumped Hydro Power Project

Colin Stonehouse, Principal of Ames and Associates, discussed his project with Western Power to stabilise the Walpole grid.

Colin offered the potential benefits to the Shire of Denmark, as a newly determined contestable site, his project may offer into the near future.

2.4 Mt Hallowell Mountain Bike Concept Plan

The CEO provided a very brief update on the next steps to be undertaken with respect to the draft Concept Plan.

All staff left the briefing session.

2.5 Roles and responsibilities of Shire President and Deputy Shire President

The briefing discussed the roles and responsibilities of both positions and the approximate time taken to successfully undertake the duties involved.

3. Close

3.20pm