



Southern Grampians
SHIRE COUNCIL

Council Meeting Minutes

Council Meeting
8 June 2022

Held in Council Chambers,
5 Market Place, Hamilton
at 5:30pm.

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The Meeting opened at 5:30pm

1. Present

Councillors

Cr Bruach Colliton, Mayor
Cr David Robertson, Deputy Mayor
Cr Mary-Ann Brown
Cr Albert Calvano
Cr Helen Henry
Cr Greg McAdam
Cr Katrina Rainsford

Officers

Mr Tony Doyle, Chief Executive Officer
Ms Evelyn Arnold, Director Community and Corporate Services
Ms Marg Scanlon, Director Infrastructure
Mr Daryl Adamson, Manager Shire Strategy and Regulation

2. Welcome and Acknowledgement of Country

The Mayor, Cr Colliton read the acknowledgement of country:

“Our meeting is being held on the traditional lands of the Gunditjmara, Tjap Wurrung and Bunganditj people.

I would like to pay my respects to their Elders, past and present, and the Elders from other communities who may be here today.”

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3. Prayer

Cr McAdam led the meeting in a prayer.

”Almighty god, we humbly beseech thee to vouchsafe thy blessing upon this council.

Direct and prosper its deliberations to the advancement of thy glory and the true welfare of the people of the Southern Grampians shire.”

4. Apologies

Andrew Goodsell, Director Planning Development

5. Confirmation of Minutes

RECOMMENDATION

That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 11 May 2022 be confirmed as a correct record of business transacted.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

MOVED: Cr Calvano

SECONDED: Cr Brown

That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 11 May 2022 be confirmed as a correct record of business transacted.

CARRIED

6. Declaration of Interest

7. Questions on Notice

There are two Questions on Notice listed on tonight's agenda.

7.1 Ross Simpson

Question:

“Will Council fly the rainbow pride flag from the Civic Centre on International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia and Transphobia?”

Ross Simpson was contacted before IDAHOBIT Day and was given the following response:

Yes, Southern Grampians Council is proud to fly the Rainbow Flag and promote “our patch” as community that welcomes diversity and believes everyone should have the right to feel safe and included.

7.2 J.T. Stone

Q1 Please advise the latest official population figures of:

- (a) Southern Grampians Shire,**
- (b) Hamilton and/or,
Greater Hamilton and/or,
Hamilton Proper.**

Response:

- (a) Southern Grampians Shire, circa 16,510
- (b) Hamilton population is circa 9,974. Greater Hamilton covers the entire shire so that figure is 16,510.

Q2 Please advise the current ownership status and associated details of:

- (a) Hamilton Cinema,**
- (b) Hamilton Library,**
- (c) Hamilton Livestock Exchange.**

Response:

Council owns the property and assets associated with the Hamilton Library, Cinema and HRLX.

8. Public Deputations

There are two Public Deputations listed on tonight's agenda.

8.1 Petition – May Street Trees

A petition has been received requesting Southern Grampians Shire Council remove the Norfolk Island Hibiscus trees in May street and replace them with benign trees indigenous to this area.

Attachment: 1. Removal of Trees Petition

RECOMMENDATION

That the petition be received by Council and Officers provide a report back to Council.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

MOVED: Cr Calvano
SECONDED: Cr Henry

That the petition be received by Council and Officers provide a report back to Council.

CARRIED

8.2 Petition – Commonwealth Bank Pigeons

A petition has been received requesting that the Shire of Southern Grampians solves the problem of pigeon droppings outside Commonwealth Bank and rejuvenates this important community area.

Attachment: 2. Problem with Pigeons Petition

RECOMMENDATION

That the petition be received by Council and Officers provide a response to petitioner.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

MOVED: Cr Henry
SECONDED: Cr Brown

That the petition be received by Council and Officers provide a response to petitioner.

CARRIED

9. Informal Meetings of Councillors

The Southern Grampians Shire Council Governance Rules require that records of Informal Meetings of Councillors that meet the following criteria:

If there is a meeting of Councillors that:

- a) took place for the purpose of discussing the business of Council or briefing Councillors;
- b) is attended by at least one member of Council staff; and
- c) is not a Council meeting, Delegated Committee meeting or Community Asset Committee meeting;

be tabled at the next convenient Council meeting and recorded in the minutes of that Council meeting.

An Informal Meeting of Councillors record was kept for:

- 3 May 2022
- 11 May 2022
- 18 May 2022
- 25 May 2022

This agenda was prepared on 1 June 2022. Any Informal Meeting of Councillors between that date and the date of tonight's Meeting will appear in the agenda for the next Ordinary Meeting of Council.

Southern Grampians Shire Council
Informal Meeting of Councillors

ASSEMBLY DETAILS	
Title:	Hamilton Regional Livestock Exchange Committee
Date:	3 May 2022
Location:	Mortlake Library Community Meeting Room and Western Victoria Livestock Exchange (Mortlake)
Councillors in Attendance:	Cr Mary-Ann Brown (Chair) Cr Greg McAdam
Council Staff in Attendance:	Marg Scanlon, Director Infrastructure
External Presenters:	Colin Ryan, Western Victoria Livestock Exchange Manager

The Informal Meeting commenced at 11.30am.

MATTERS CONSIDERED		CONFLICTS OF INTEREST DECLARED
1	Industry and regional livestock sale yards data and information needs	Nil
2	Industry stakeholder engagement	Nil
3	Committee forward program	Nil

The Informal Meeting concluded at 5pm.

Southern Grampians Shire Council

Informal Meeting of Councillors

ASSEMBLY DETAILS	
Title:	Briefing Session
Date:	11 May 2022
Location:	MJ Hynes Auditorium
Councillors in Attendance:	Cr Bruach Colliton, Mayor Cr David Robertson, Deputy Mayor Cr Mary-Ann Brown Cr Albert Calvano Cr Helen Henry Cr Greg McAdam Cr Katrina Rainsford
Council Staff in Attendance:	Evelyn Arnold, Acting Chief Executive Officer Belinda Johnson, Acting Director Community and Corporate Services Marg Scanlon, Director Infrastructure Andrew Goodsell, Director Planning and Development Amy Knight, Manager Cultural Arts John Finnerty, Manager Assets

The Informal Meeting commenced at 11:00am.

MATTERS CONSIDERED		CONFLICTS OF INTEREST DECLARED
1	Councillor Only Meeting	Nil
2	Matters Raised by Councillors	Nil
3	Arts and Culture Strategy Workshop	Nil
4	Asset Plan 2022-2032	Nil
5	Malcolm Fraser Bust	Nil
6	Terms of Reference Advisory Committee	Nil

The Informal Meeting concluded at 5:00pm.

Southern Grampians Shire Council
Informal Meeting of Councillors

ASSEMBLY DETAILS	
Title:	Industry Visit & Briefing Session
Date:	18 May 2022
Location:	MJ Hynes Auditorium
Councillors in Attendance:	Cr Bruach Colliton, Mayor Cr David Robertson, Deputy Mayor Cr Mary-Ann Brown Cr Albert Calvano Cr Helen Henry Cr Greg McAdam Cr Katrina Rainsford
Council Staff in Attendance:	Tony Doyle, Chief Executive Officer Evelyn Arnold, Director Community and Corporate Services Marg Scanlon, Director Infrastructure Andrew Goodsell, Director Planning and Development Sherie Bain, Regulatory Services Coordinator
External Presenters:	Ben Shoo

The Informal Meeting commenced at 11:00am.

MATTERS CONSIDERED		CONFLICTS OF INTEREST DECLARED
1	Platinum Products Industry Visit	Nil
2	Rehabilitation Along Grangeburn Discussion	Nil
3	Hamilton CBD Plan	Nil

The Informal Meeting concluded at 3:00pm.

Southern Grampians Shire Council Informal Meeting of Councillors

ASSEMBLY DETAILS	
Title:	Briefing Session
Date:	25 May 2022
Location:	MJ Hynes Auditorium
Councillors in Attendance:	Cr Bruach Colliton, Mayor Cr David Robertson, Deputy Mayor Cr Mary-Ann Brown Cr Albert Calvano Cr Helen Henry Cr Greg McAdam Cr Katrina Rainsford
Council Staff in Attendance:	Tony Doyle, Chief Executive Officer Susannah Milne, Acting Director Community and Corporate Services Marg Scanlon, Director Infrastructure Andrew Goodsell, Director Planning and Development Jason Cay, Acting Manager Finance Natalie Martin, Revenue Coordinator Hugh Koch, Manager Economic Development and Tourism Samantha Scott, Strategic Major Projects Coordinator Daryl Adamson, Manager Shire Strategy and Regulation Sherie Bain, Regulatory Services Coordinator
External Presenters:	Tim Gleeson, Barrie Walder, Graeme Christianson

The Informal Meeting commenced at 11:00am.

MATTERS CONSIDERED		CONFLICTS OF INTEREST DECLARED
1	Councillor and CEO Only Meeting	Nil
2	Matters Raised by Councillors	Nil
3	Land Valuation	Nil
4	Melville Oval Design Project Update	Nil
5	Hewett Park Offset	Nil

The Informal Meeting concluded at 4:30pm.

10. Management Reports

10.1 Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program - Round 3 Phase 1

Directorate: Evelyn Arnold, Director Community and Corporate Services
Author: Evelyn Arnold, Director Community and Corporate Services
Attachments: None.

Executive Summary

As part of the response to COVID-19 in the Federal Budget, the third round of the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program (LRCIP) totalled 1 billion dollars. As part of this second round of funding Council received \$3,970,508.

Council is able to select the projects to be funded but they must meet the eligibility criteria of the program and be delivered by 30 June 2023.

This report recommends allocation of LRCIP Round 3 phase 1 to the Melville Oval Redevelopment project.

Discussion

In the Federal Budget an announcement of an additional 1 Billion dollars for Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program (LRCIP) to support Councils in stimulating the economy was made. The program is administered by the Federal Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications.

Council is able to select the projects to be funded but they must meet the eligibility criteria of the program. The funding is available for local roads and community infrastructure projects that involve the construction, maintenance and/or improvements to Council-owned assets that are generally accessible to the public. Other conditions such as signage requirements, will be outlined in the program guidelines.

In order to develop projects for the program the following process was followed

1. Review of the previous projects considered under LRCIP - Round 1 and 2
2. Future capital works lists and masterplan works programs
3. Other funding sources/programs that Council currently has applications in for projects
4. The project is able to be delivered by 30 June 2023

Whilst Council considered a number of key projects the Melville Oval redevelopment project has been recommended for the following reasons;

1. The project is well advanced in planning and design and is therefore "shovel ready";
2. A budget allocation has been made in the 2022/23 draft budget from other grants, however to complete all aspects of the project further funding of \$4 Million dollars is required;
3. The project is expected to be completed by 30 June 2023.

Financial and Resource Implications

The funding provided under the LRCIP does not require a co-contribution from Council and the proposed allocation would mean this project is now effectively fully funded. Thus requiring no additional borrowings or contribution of Rate Payers funds. By funding projects from within Council's asset management plans and future programs it will free up funds in the long term financial plan to complete other projects in the future

Legislation, Council Plan and Policy Impacts

This report is in keeping with the following legislation and Council Policies:

- Council Plan
- *Local Government Act (2020)*
- Asset Management Policy (2019)

This report is also consistent with the:

- Recreation and Leisure Plan (2019)

Risk Management

This program will deliver on strategic plans of Council and enable funding for future of projects to reduce the financial risk to Council to fund these projects.

Environmental and Sustainability Considerations

Sustainable practices will be considered as part of the tender process including recycling of pavement materials.

Community Consultation and Communication

Internal consultation has been held with relevant staff and the Council.

Disclosure of Interests

All Council Officers involved in the development and advice provided in this Report affirm that no direct or indirect interests need to be declared in relation to any matters in this Report.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council allocate the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program Round 3 Phase 1 for the sum of \$3,970,508 to the Melville Oval Redevelopment Project.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

MOVED: Cr Calvano
SECONDED: Cr Brown

That Council allocate the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program Round 3 Phase 1 for the sum of \$3,970,508 to the Melville Oval Redevelopment Project.

CARRIED

10.2 Finance Reports

Directorate: Evelyn Arnold, Director Community and Corporate Services
Author: Belinda Johnson, Manager Finance
Attachments: Finance Report to 31 March 2022

Executive Summary

The Finance Reports for the Year to 31 March 2022 are presented for information.

Discussion

The Finance Reports contain the Standard Statements namely:

- Comprehensive Income Statement,
- Balance Sheet,
- Statement of Cash Flows,
- Statement of Capital Work and
- Statement of Human Resources.

The Report also includes information on cash balances, current borrowing ratios and debtor balances.

Narratives accompany each of the statements.

Detailed reports of the financial progress of the capital works and major projects are also provided for information.

Legislation, Council Plan and Policy Impacts

Council Plan

The finance report provides interim information on the financial progress of the achievement of the Annual Budget. Financial sustainability and compliance with our annual budget are specifically identified as strategies within the Council Plan.

Legislation

Section 97 of the Local Government Act 2020 requires that after the end of each quarter, the CEO must ensure that a quarterly budget report is presented to the Council. The report must include a comparison of the actual and budgeted results to date and an explanation of material variations, and any other matters prescribed by the regulations.

In addition, the second quarterly report of a financial year must include a statement by the CEO as to whether a revised budget is, or may be, required.

The June report is indicative only with the final report being Councils official financial report which is audited and then included as part of Council's Annual Report.

Council is also required to implement the principles financial management detailed in Section 101 of the Local Government Act 2020 which states:

- (1) The following are the financial management principles—
 - (a) Revenue, expenses, assets, liabilities, investments and financial transactions must be managed in accordance with a Council's financial policies and strategic plans;
 - (b) Financial risks must be monitored and managed prudently having regard to economic circumstances;
 - (c) Financial policies and strategic plans, including the Revenue and Rating Plan, must seek to provide stability and predictability in the financial impact on the municipal community;
 - (d) Accounts and records that explain the financial operations and financial position of the Council must be kept.
- (2) For the purposes of the financial management principles, **financial risk** includes any risk relating to the following—
 - (a) The financial viability of the Council;
 - (b) The management of current and future liabilities of the Council;
 - (c) The beneficial enterprises of the Council

Disclosure of Interests

All Council Officers involved in the development and advice provided in this Report affirm that no direct or indirect interests need to be declared in relation to any matters in this Report.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Finance Report for the year to 31 March 2022 be received.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

MOVED: Cr Brown
SECONDED: Cr Robertson

That the Finance Report for the year to 31 March 2022 be received.

CARRIED

10.3 Adoption of Hamilton Showgrounds – Terms of Reference

Directorate: Evelyn Arnold, Director Community and Corporate Services
Author: Susannah Milne, Manager Community & Leisure Services
Attachments: Hamilton Showgrounds – Terms of Reference

Executive Summary

In response to a Notice of Motion from Council recommending that an Advisory Committee be established for the Hamilton Showgrounds to assist with the development of the Hamilton Showgrounds Master Plan and to provide advice and guidance on strategic priorities of the Masterplan implementation a 'Terms of Reference'(TOR) have been developed.

The 'TOR' will guide the Advisory Committee on their purpose and extent of authority, as well as set clear expectations around governance requirements and membership. The draft 'TOR' has been circulated to Council for review and feedback has been incorporated into the 'TOR'.

The purpose of this report is for Council to adopt the 'Terms of Reference' which will allow for staff to commence the expression of interest process to form the Hamilton Showgrounds Advisory Committee.

Discussion

Southern Grampians Shire Council is responsible for the management of the Hamilton Showgrounds through a Committee of Management agreement through the Department of Environment Land Water and Planning (DELWP).

The Hamilton Showgrounds is an important facility for the Community and the Council as it provides a centrally located space that allows Community Groups, Organisations and Sporting Groups to meet and undertake activities. The showgrounds facilitate sporting opportunities, social connections, large and smaller scale events, as well as training facility and base for State Emergency Services.

With this wider community interest Council have decided that it is the interests of the Community to have an Advisory Committee that will provide advice to Council on Strategic priorities and the development of the Hamilton Showgrounds Master Plan.

Council is seeking Advisory Committee members that can contribute through specialist skills and knowledge on enhancing the development and use of the Showgrounds.

The TOR will guide the Advisory Committee on their purpose and extent of authority, as well as set clear expectations around governance requirements and membership. The draft 'TOR' has been circulated to Council for review and feedback has been incorporated into the 'TOR'.

The purpose of this report is for Council to adopt the 'Terms of Reference' which will allow for staff to commence the expression of interest process to form the Hamilton Showgrounds Advisory Committee.

The Advisory Committee appointments will be endorsed by Council through a formal reporting process.

Financial and Resource Implications

There will be a resource implication with the formation and ongoing administrative support to ensure that the Committee can perform its function, this is not budgeted and is estimated to be approximately \$5,000.

Legislation, Council Plan and Policy Impacts

The development of the Hamilton Showgrounds Advisory Committee is consistent with Council's key priorities to support our community, grow our regional economy, maintain, and renew our Infrastructure and provide strong governance and leadership as detailed in the 2021-2025 Council Plan.

Once established, it is proposed that the Committee will assist in the development of the Hamilton Showgrounds Master Plan and establish strategic priorities with respect to its implementation and monitoring.

Risk Management

The establishment of the Hamilton Showgrounds advisory Committee to Council will further strengthen the mitigation of strategic risks associated with the development and use of the Hamilton Showgrounds, as well as ensuring a wide community focus on the development and strategic use of the site.

Environmental and Sustainability Considerations

The Advisory Committee will be consulted on with respect to the development opportunities of incorporating environmental sustainability measures such as rainwater collection and reuse and solar power options through the development of the Master Plan.

Community Consultation and Communication

The draft TOR has been developed in consultation with Council to ensure that the TOR will enable the Advisory Committee to operate and function in the capacity as which Council envisages.

Disclosure of Interests

All Council Officers involved in the development and advice provided in this Report affirm that no general or material interests need to be declared in relation to any matters in this Report.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council;

1. Adopt the Hamilton Showgrounds Terms of Reference.
2. Commence the Expression of Interest Process for the Advisory Committee.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

MOVED: Cr McAdam

SECONDED: Cr Brown

That:

1. **Council adopt the Hamilton Showgrounds Advisory Committee Draft Terms of Reference.**
2. **Council commence the Expression of Interest Process for the Membership of the Advisory Committee.**
3. **The Advisory Committee, once formed, consult with all user groups on the Terms of Reference and report back to Council for endorsement.**

CARRIED

10.4 Cox Street Redevelopment – NBN Offer

Directorate: Marg Scanlon, Director Infrastructure
Author: Marg Scanlon, Director Infrastructure
Attachments: None

Executive Summary

Council has received a quote from NBN to carry out infrastructure relocation works as part of the Cox Street Hamilton Redevelopment project. The value of the offer is \$209,619.41 (ex GST) which is within the overall project budget.

This report seeks Council's approval to accept the quote of \$209,619.41 (ex GST) to complete the NBN infrastructure relocation works as a part of the Cox Street Redevelopment Project.

Introduction

The Cox Street "Front Door" Redevelopment project includes approximately \$1M of service relocation works, including the undergrounding of the powerlines, Telstra and NBN cables and associated infrastructure. On 8 December Council resolved to award the Powercor and Telstra works on the understanding that NBN was yet to supply a cost for the works. On 4 May 2022, Council received the NBN cost being \$209,619.41 (ex GST). The NBN works will commence after Council resolution to accept the quote in line with the Telstra works.

Background

The Hamilton CBD Liveability and Economic Revitalisation Project – Cox Street Project is jointly funded by Council and Regional Development Victoria (RDV).

A concept design was completed in 2015 and the detailed design was completed in November 2018. Council advertised the construction tender in June 2019 and received five submissions, ranging from \$8.8M to \$14M. The received tenders were considerably higher than Council's budgeted amount.

At the October 2019 Council Meeting, Council resolved to continue re-zoning works on the east-side of Cox Street, and seek further financial assistance to complete the overall project. No additional financial assistance was secured.

Council resolved at the February 2021 Council Meeting to proceed with option 2, including the median strip, new road pavement for the east side of the pavement, new kerb and channel, 3m wide footpath, three pocket parks and two roundabouts including undergrounding of existing power lines and new Telstra lines.

In May 2021 a public tender process was conducted with six tenders received, with the tender from MACA Civil Pty Ltd being formally accepted at the 14 July 2021 Council Meeting.

At the Council Meeting on 8 December 2021, Council agreed to award the relocation of water main works at the intersection of Cox Street and Gray Street to MACA Civil Pty Ltd, and that this work be added to the contract awarded at the 14 July 2021 Council Meeting.

As reported to Council on 8 December 2021, the financial summary for this project is as follows:

- MACA CIVIL works \$2,893,404.34 (ex GST);
- Telstra of \$164,643.02 (ex GST);

- Powercor \$600,409.00 (ex GST);

The NBN Relocation costs were not known and subsequently these were not reported in December 2021.

Discussion

The NBN Relocation offer received on 4 May 2022 includes costs of \$209,619.41 (ex GST) to be paid for the NBN relocation works. The above figures can be updated with the water main relocation costs added, to produce a total project cost as follows:

• MACA CIVIL road works	\$2,893,404.34 (ex GST);
• MACA CIVIL water main works	\$ 104,328.00 (ex GST);
• Telstra	\$ 164,643.02 (ex GST);
• Powercor	\$ 600,409.00 (ex GST);
• NBN Relocation works	\$ 209,619.41 (ex GST);
• NBN Relocation design	\$ 4,915.73 (ex GST) – paid by Council in 2021
Total	\$3,977,319.50 (ex GST)

Financial & Resource Implications

The NBN quote is \$209,619.41 (ex GST) which will be funded within the project budget.

Legislation, Council Plan and Policy Impacts

This report assists Council in meeting its obligations under the Local Government Act 2020.

This report also relates to the Council Plan 2021-2025:

Objective 3.1 - Plan and maintain sustainable assets and infrastructure;

Strategy 3.1.1 - Review and adopt asset management plans to align with future service levels, environmental and financial sustainability;

Strategy 3.1.2 - Maintain infrastructure to the agreed standard and ensure the principles of sustainability and universal design are considered in the planning and development of infrastructure to support community access and connection meeting the needs of the communities;

Strategy 3.1.3 - Deliver to the Council and the community, a strategic approach to our Arts and Culture infrastructure including progressing the new Hamilton Gallery;

Strategy 3.1.4 - Strategically plan a sustainable long-term capital program with identification of funding and partnership opportunities.

Objective 3.2 - Safe and well-maintained transport routes and infrastructure for all modes of travel

Strategy 3.2.1 - Continue to advocate for improved transport services and connections through funding and partnerships with relevant agencies;

Strategy 3.2.2 - Develop a Pedestrian and Cycling Strategy to prioritise infrastructure implementation;

Strategy 3.2.3 - Provide infrastructure that supports a connected and active community.

Council's Procurement Policy and Guidelines are followed in this process.

Risk Management

A risk assessment for this project has been undertaken. A traffic management plan has been established to ensure continued access to the businesses located within the project works area, however other traffic will be diverted via alternative routes. These temporary traffic arrangements are published on Councils website and via social media.

Environmental and Sustainability Considerations

Specific environmental and sustainability considerations pertinent to this project include noise and dust management during the works period.

Community Consultation and Communication

Council officers have established project governance which includes a Project Control Group comprising Council Officers and a Project Steering Group, comprising of representatives from Regional Development Victoria, Department of Transport and Council officers.

Project communications have commenced with the establishment of a dedicated Project Page on Council's website which can be accessed via;

https://www.sthgrampians.vic.gov.au/Page/Page.aspx?Page_Id=2907

Interested community members are also invited to register for regular project updates via the Cox Street Project Page or send contact details via email to: projects@sthgrampians.com.au

Disclosure of Interests

All Council Officers involved in the development and advice provided in this Report affirm that no general or material interests need to be declared in relation to any matters in this Report.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Award NBN for the infrastructure realignment works as a part of the Cox Street Redevelopment Project to the value of \$209,619.41 (ex GST).
2. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to execute the quote and any other documents required by or to give effect to the terms of the contract on behalf of Council.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

MOVED: Cr Henry
SECONDED: Cr Brown

That Council:

1. **Award NBN for the infrastructure realignment works as a part of the Cox Street Redevelopment Project to the value of \$209,619.41 (ex GST).**
2. **Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to execute the quote and any other documents required by or to give effect to the terms of the contract on behalf of Council.**

CARRIED

10.5 Hamilton Regional Livestock Exchange Committee

Directorate: Marg Scanlon, Director Infrastructure
Author: Marg Scanlon, Director Infrastructure and Sustainability
Attachments: HRLX Committee Meeting Minutes

Executive Summary

The Minutes from the Hamilton Regional Livestock Exchange Committee (HRLXC) meetings held on 28 February, 29 March and 3 May 2022 are presented to Council for information.

Discussion

The HRLXC held their inaugural meeting on 28 February 2022. The role of this Committee is to have a strong strategic focus to further develop HRLX as a commercial standalone entity, to engage and maintain dialogue with stakeholders, and to explore digitisation and new technologies to improve the facility.

Chaired by Councillor Mary-Ann Brown, Committee Members Councillor Greg McAdam, John Wyld, David Byrd and John Hope have attended site a visit of the HRLX on 29 March 2022 and the Western Victoria Livestock Exchange in Mortlake on 3 May 2022. Both site visits have enabled the Committee members to gain insights into the facilities, operational functions and longer-term facility opportunities.

The Committee has established a forward program with the intention to establish a draft strategic plan for Council's consideration late 2022. The purpose of this report is to table the respective meeting minutes from 28 February, 29 March and 3 May 2022.

Financial and Resource Implications

The HRLXC is supported and resourced through Council's operational budget specifically for administration related expenses. The HRLXC Strategic Plan will identify a range of costed initiatives and capital items for Council consideration. This strategic plan will also include an implementation program to inform future Council budgets.

Legislation, Council Plan and Policy Impacts

Respective legislation, Council strategic objectives, plans and policies pertinent to the HRLX and the agricultural saleyard industry are being considered by the HRLXC in the development of its strategic plan.

Risk Management

Current and potential strategic risks are considered by the HRLXC in the development of the draft strategic plan.

Environmental and Sustainability Considerations

Various environmental and sustainability options have been identified by the HRLXC including optimisation of the HRLX solar and water collection, alternative effluent treatments and technologies to improve HRLX operations. Further exploration of these will be undertaken to inform the draft strategic plan under development by the HRLXC.

Community Consultation and Communication

A key priority identified by the HRLXC is engagement with respective stakeholders representing interests from the agricultural industry and HRLX. The HRLXC has connected with various industries bodies to gain further insights into trends, projections and business opportunities for HRLX. Engagement with stakeholders continues to be a focus of the HRLXC over the coming months.

Disclosure of Interests

All Council Officers involved in the development and advice provided in this Report affirm that no general or material interests need to be declared in relation to any matters in this Report.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Hamilton Regional Livestock Exchange Committee Meeting Minutes from the meetings held on 28 February, 29 March and 3 May 2022 are received.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

MOVED: Cr Brown
SECONDED: Cr McAdam

That the Hamilton Regional Livestock Exchange Committee Meeting Minutes from the meetings held on 28 February, 29 March and 3 May 2022 are received.

CARRIED

11. Notices of Motion

There were no Notices of Motion listed on tonight's agenda.

12. Delegated Reports

Reports on external Committees and Representative Bodies for which Councillors have been appointed as a representative by Council.

12.1 HAMILTON REGIONAL LIVESTOCK COMMITTEE

Cr Brown and Cr McAdam reported on their attendance at the Hamilton Regional Livestock Committee Meeting held on 30 May 2022.

13. Mayors and Councillors Reports

Address from the Mayor and Councillors in relation to matters of civic leadership and community representation, including acknowledgement of community groups and individuals, information arising from internal Committees, advocacy on behalf of constituents and other topics of significance.

14. Confidential Matters

There were no Confidential Matters listed on tonight's agenda.

15. Close of Meeting

This concludes the business of the meeting.

Meeting closed at 6:14pm

Confirmed by resolution 8 June 2022

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Chairman