

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Mission Statement:

***To support and develop a sustainable, thriving and resilient Community
through leadership and partnership.***

HELD: Tuesday 14th July 2009 at 1.30pm
LOCATION: Supper Room, Beechworth
MEETING CLOSED: 2.59pm

REQUIRED TO ATTEND:

Councillors:	Senior Management/Officers
Peter Graham–Mayor	Brendan McGrath – CEO
Bernard Gaffney–Deputy Mayor	Phil Prior
Peter Croucher	Mark Crouch
Larry Goldsworthy	Mark Florence
Vic Issell	David Montgomery
Barbara Murdoch	Frank Bonacci
Ali Pockley	Stuart Perry
	Susan Cheetham
	Alex Showers
	Robert Uebergang

APOLOGIES: Sally McCarron Colin Haldane

Vision statement:

INDIGO – A great place to live, work and visit.

1.0 PRESENT

Cr Graham welcomed those in attendance.

2.0 APOLOGIES

Nil.

3.0 DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Nil.

4.0 TABLING OF SECTION 223 SUBMISSIONS REGARDING INDIGO SHIRE COUNCIL STRATEGIC RESOURCE PLAN (IF REQUIRED). REFER SCHEDULE 1 PROVISIONS

No submissions were received.

5.0 TABLING OF SECTION 223 SUBMISSIONS REGARDING INDIGO SHIRE COUNCIL BUDGET 2009/2010 AND HEARING OF SUBMISSIONS

- Mr Doug Cordes

Briefed Council on his views on the rating strategy and his belief of non compliance with the Victorian Legislation and that it isn't seen as fair and equitable to Bed and Breakfast operators in Beechworth. He had contacted two (2) Councillors with no response.

Cr Gaffney questioned Mr Bell on whether he received notification of any rate increases. Mr Cordes responded in the negative.

- Mr Bill Bell

Mr Bell was provided the opportunity to speak to Council as a result of a request from ITAC. Mr Bell had hoped for direct communication with Bed and Breakfast operators instead of receiving a "Dear John" letter in the mail. He was hoping for a fair and equitable outcome.

Cr Issell left the meeting at 2.38pm.

Cr Issell returned to the meeting at 2.58pm.

6.0 STRATEGIC RESOURCE PLAN (SRP) AND COUNCIL BUDGET CONSIDERATION, INCLUDING ANY CHANGES PROPOSED

- Strategic Resource Plan changes as a result of Section 223 submissions above (if required).

'For Decision'

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- Budget 2009/2010 changes as a result of Section 223 Budget Submissions above.

'For Decision'

BS1 – BS30

- Cr Gaffney questioned the Bed and Breakfast operators if a 20%-25% increase would be acceptable. Operators responded that generally they are happy to pay the rates they are unhappy with the magnitude of the impact of the current increase.

- Cr Gaffney asked whether Bed and Breakfast businesses would close due to the rate increases – answer was yes.

- Cr Issell raised the proposition of a bed tax and the viability of this instead of raising rates. It was the general consensus that this would not be appropriate.

Moved Cr Goldsworthy

Seconded Cr Pockley

That the residential rate rise be reduced from 150% to 135% (which is the same as the commercial rate).

Amendment was moved:

Moved Cr Gaffney

Seconded Cr Croucher

That the residential rate rise be amended to 125% instead of 135%.

LOST

The Chairman then put the motion and it was declared CARRIED.

- Budget 2009/10 changed as a result of Budget Submission above.

'For Decision'

DR 1 – DR34

Moved Cr Gaffney

Seconded – nil

That the rate increase be reduced from 8.5% to 4.5% in reference to items:

- **BS1 – Objection to rate increase**
- **BS2 – Objection to rate increase**
- **BS3 – Objection to rate increase**

LAPSED

Moved Cr Goldsworthy

Seconded Cr Gaffney

That project number 654 – Wahgunyah Boart Ramp in the sum of \$380,000 be removed from the Capital Works Program in reference to items:

- **BS4 – Objection to Wahgunyah Boat Ramp**
- **BS5 – Objection to Wahgunyah Boat Ramp**
- **BS6 – Objection to Wahgunyah Boat Ramp**

CARRIED

Moved Cr Murdoch

Seconded Cr Croucher

That \$15,000 be allocated in the 2009/2010 Capital Works budget for a Wahgunyah Foreshore Masterplan to be completed in reference to items:

- **BS4 – Objection to Wahgunyah Boat Ramp**
- **BS5 – Objection to Wahgunyah Boat Ramp**
- **BS6 – Objection to Wahgunyah Boat Ramp**

CARRIED

Moved Cr Murdoch

Seconded Cr Issell

That \$10,000 be allocated in the 2009/2010 Capital Works budget for scoping works to be completed in reference to item:

- **BS12 – Lake Anderson upgrade and restoration**

CARRIED

Moved Cr Goldsworthy

Seconded Cr Croucher

That an amount of \$17,000 be allocated in the 2009/2010 Capital Works budget to go towards funding of air-conditioning to be installed at Kergunyah Hall in reference to item:

- **BS13 – Kergunyah Hall air conditioning**

CARRIED

Moved Cr Goldsworthy

Seconded Cr Pockley

That items be accepted and reviewed at a future budget meeting in reference to items:

- **BS17 – Access & parking for Coulston Park**
- **BS18 – Bitumen sealing of Twist Creek Road**
- **BS19 – Funding for Green Living Fair**
- **BS20 – Funding for turf cricket wicket at Barnawartha Recreation Reserve**
- **BS21 – Residential 2 (home industry) submissions**
- **BS22 – Douglas St carparking improvements**
- **BS24 – Rutherglen Murray Art School crossing**

CARRIED

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Moved Cr Goldsworthy

Seconded Cr Croucher

That the item BS23 (Rutherglen Murray St school crossing) in the sum of \$5,000 be included in the 2009/2010 Capital Works budget.

CARRIED

Moved Cr Goldsworthy

Seconded – Nil

That \$100,000 be allocated in the budget to partly fund this project in reference to item:

- **BS25 – Funding application by Beechworth Hockey Club for synthetic sports field**

LAPSED

Moved Cr Goldsworthy

Seconded Cr Gaffney

That the Capital Works Project 791 (Chiltern Industrial Estate) in the sum of \$410,000 be removed from the 2009/2010 Capital Works budget.

CARRIED

Moved Cr Goldsworthy

Seconded Cr Gaffney

That the discussion surrounding budget submissions be deferred until Special Meeting being held on Tuesday 21st July 2009.

CARRIED

- **Capital Works Schedule 2009/10**
'For Decision'

- Recurrent Operations Schedules 2009/10
'For Decision'

Note:

The SRP and Council Budget will be placed on the overhead projector as required. Council will need to resolve on any changes to the SRP 2010/13 and Council Budget 2009/10 as a result of Section 223 submission consideration or other changes as resolved by Council.

Council will meet to formally adopt the Council Budget 2009/10 at a Special Meeting of Council to be convened Tuesday July 28 2009.