

20 February 2018

Motions passed at the Special Council Meeting

The Esperance Shire Council met last night to make decisions on the five motions raised by electors at the Annual Electors Meeting held on 30 January.

The Special Council Meeting was held in Council Chambers with 101 residents in attendance. Shire President Victoria Brown allowed 50 minutes of public question time prior to commencing Council debate on the five motions raised.

Debate on all motions saw three being noted and expanded on to provide greater clarity and further information to be obtained, while two were declined.

Motion 1 - CEO Review

That Council notes Motion 1 moved by Brian Pearce and seconded by Kaj Nieuwerkerke at the Annual Electors' Meeting 30/01/2018 and requests the CEO:

1. To prepare for his annual performance review for 2017/18, as per Council policy HR015-CEO Performance Review, as soon as possible.
2. To procure the services of an appropriately experienced and qualified independent facilitator to coordinate and oversee the review as required by the policy.

Carried 9-0

Motion 2 - Lot 12 Kirwan Road - Modern Waste Management Facility

That Council

1. Acknowledge the concerns of EMTAG and others in the Community with regards to the proposed landfill facility on Lot 12 Kirwan Road; and
2. Defer any further decision regarding the proposed landfill facility on Lot 12 Kirwan Road until Council has had an opportunity to consider:
 - a. The Level of Assessment that has now been determined by the EPA on the Shire's current application;
 - b. The Scoping Document associated with the Level of Assessment required; and
 - c. The potential costs of providing any additional assessment information that may be required by the EPA.
 - d. A third party, independent review of all current available hydrological investigations and associated reports, including the Phase 2 Hydrology report from Talis.

Carried 8-1

Motion 3 - Heavy and Hazardous Industries and Mining Operations within the RAMSAR Wetlands Catchment

That Council decline to accept Motion 3, relating to heavy and hazardous industries and mining operations within the RAMSAR Wetlands Catchment, carried at the Annual Meeting of Electors as the Shire of Esperance does not have the power to implement the requested outcome under current State Planning legislation, regulations and policy.

Carried 6-3

Motion 4 - Esperance Tanker Jetty

That council continue along the current path, following the advice of the Heritage Council and work towards a replacement jetty designed by a team led by a Heritage Architect and is within the financial restraints adopted by council.

Carried 7-2

Motion 5 - Cap of the Cost of Treated Water

That Council

1. Notes Motion 5 moved by D Backhouse and seconded by S O'Donnell at the Annual Electors' Meeting 30/01/2018;
2. Considers a subsidy to the Eastern Suburbs Water Charge as part of the Annual Fees and Charges budget process; and
3. Encourages the Esperance Golf Club to apply to the Community Grants Program for a project to undertake a review, led by an irrigation consultant, of the current irrigation system to identify efficiencies and improvements that can be made.

Carried 8-1

Shire President Victoria Brown said "The Special Council Meeting contained a few controversial issues that are being dealt with in our community. Councillors are elected by the community and are charged with the responsibility of making sound, informed decisions for the benefit of the community. The outcomes reached at the meeting are examples of this. While not everyone may agree with all the decisions there are no easy answers. There are many diverse opinions in our community and Council takes these into account when making decisions."

Full minutes of the meeting will be available on the Shire website as soon as possible.

Ends

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