

WESTERN METROPOLITAN REGIONAL COUNCIL



CONSTITUENT MUNICIPALITIES: ●CITY OF SUBIACO ●TOWN OF CLAREMONT
●TOWN OF COTTESLOE ●TOWN OF MOSMAN PARK ●SHIRE OF PEPPERMINT GROVE

MINUTES ORDINARY REGIONAL COUNCIL MEETING – 7 August 2008 (RC 08/04)

**City of Subiaco
241 Rokeby Road
SUBIACO**

COMMENCEMENT: 5.30PM

Members

Mayor R Norris	Town of Mosman Park
Councillor P Kelly	Town of Claremont
Councillor V Strzina	Town of Cottesloe – from 5.35pm
Councillor P Jacobsen	City of Subiaco
Councillor B Kavanagh	Shire of Peppermint Grove

Staff

Mr P Pikor	Chief Executive Officer
Mr B Burnett	Operations Manager
Ms A Paino	Earthcarer Coordinator – to 6.32pm

Apologies

Technical Officers

Ms E French	Town of Claremont
Ms R Levett	Town of Cottesloe – from 5.42pm
Mr M Ledger	City of Subiaco
Mr T Mayor	Shire of Peppermint Grove – from 5.42pm
Mr A Millard	City of Subiaco

In Attendance

Mr B Bowman	Bowman & Associates – to 6.25pm
Mr Chester Burton	Chief Executive Officer - City of Subiaco – to 5.35pm

Observer

Councillor L Eustance	Town of Mosman Park – to 5.47pm
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ORDINARY REGIONAL COUNCIL MEETING (RC 08/04)

1 DECLARATION OF OPENING

The Meeting commenced at 5.30pm.

2 RECORD OF APOLOGIES

NIL

3 DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

Councillor P Jacobsen declared a financial interest in Item 9.16 RC 08/2008.
Request to attend the Waste & Recycling 2008 Conference.

4 RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS PUBLIC QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE

NIL

5 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

NIL

6 APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

NIL

7 PUBLIC STATEMENTS

The Chairman welcomed the Chief Executive Officer of the City of Subiaco Mr Chester Burton who was retiring in August 2008 from the City. The Chairman on behalf of the Regional Council acknowledged the contribution Mr Chester Burton had made as a former Chief Executive Officer of the Western Metropolitan Regional Council and also over the past years to the Regional Council.

8 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Minutes of the Western Metropolitan Regional Council Meeting (RC 08/03) held on Thursday 5 June 2008 circulated previously under separate

It was advised that at recommendation 9.5.2 the words "*Earthcarers Connecting Locally with Sustainability*" should be inserted immediately before the word course. The Minutes were amended accordingly.

Recommendation (Cr Kelly/Cr Kavanagh)

8.1 The amended minutes of the Western Metropolitan Regional Council Meeting (RC 08/03) held on Thursday 5 June 2008 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

Motion Carried 4/0

Mr C Burton left the Meeting at 5.35pm.

Councillor V Strzina entered the Meeting at 5.35pm

Members considered that the Earth Carer's Report for June 2008 and July 2008 Item 9.5, Earth Carer's Future Strategic Plan 2006-2009 Item 9.7, Earth Carer's Future Strategic Plan 2008-2012 Item 9.8, Earth Carers Connecting Locally for Sustainability Report Item 9.9 and the Chief Executive Officer's report on the Earthcarer Coordinator and Officer Contracts Item 9.13 should be brought forward to enable discussion on the Report contents.

Moved (Cr Kavanagh/Cr Kelly)

Motion Carried 5/0

9.8 Earth Carer's Future Strategic Plan 2008-2012

Report submitted by Earth Carer Co-ordinator (see attached)	
Dated: 16 July 2008	File No: 4.15
The report provides information on the proposed Strategic Plans for 2008-2012	

Moved (Cr Kelly/Cr Jacobsen)

Amendment to Recommendation:

Reason: A working group of the Chairman, Councillor B Kavanagh and the Chief Executive Officer be formed to consider this matter and report to the October 2008 Meeting and the recommendation was changed accordingly.

9.8.1 The Earth Carers' Report 16 July 2008 be noted by the Regional Council.

9.8.2 A working group comprising the Chairman, Councillor B Kavanagh and the Chief Executive Officer be formed to consider the role and future directions of the Earth Carers and a report be presented to the October 2008 Meeting for Council's consideration.

Motion Carried 5/0

9.9 Earth Carers Connecting Locally For Sustainability

Report submitted by Earth Carer	
Dated: 30 July 2008	File: 4.1.5
The report provided information on the proposed Earth Carers Connecting Locally for Sustainability Course.	

Amendment to Recommendation:

Reason: The Members felt this report should be deferred for further consideration and amended the report accordingly.

Moved (Cr Jacobsen/Cr Kavanagh)

- 9.9.1 The Council defers consideration on a trial of a 3 week Earth Carers Connecting Locally for Sustainability Course pending a report to the October 2008 Meeting on the role and future direction of the Earth Carers.

Motion Carried 5/0

Mr T Mayor entered the Meeting at 5.42pm

Ms R Levett entered the Meeting at 5.42pm

9.13 Earthcarer Coordinator and Officer Contracts

Report submitted by Chief Executive Officer	
Dated: 30 July 2008	File: 4.1.5
The Report advised Members of the renewal of the Earthcarer Coordinator and Officer Contracts	

Amendment to Recommendation:

Reason: The Members felt that consideration needed to be given to the role and future directions of the Earth Carers prior to finalising the Officer's employment contracts. The contracts for the Earth Carer Officers to be extended for three months.

Moved (Cr Kelly/Cr Jacobsen)

- 9.13.2 Ms Anthea Paino's contract as Earthcarer Coordinator with the Western Metropolitan Regional Council be extended for 3 months.
- 9.13.3 Ms Anne Pettit's contract as Earthcarer Officer with the Western Metropolitan Regional Council be extended for 3 months.

Motion Carried 5/0

Councillor L Eustance left the meeting at 5.47pm

9.5 Earth Carer’s Report for June 2008 and July 2008

Report submitted by Earthcarer Coordinator	
Dated: 16 July 2008	File No: 4.1.5
The report outlined the progress of the Earth Carer Programme.	

Moved (Cr Strzina/Cr Jacobsen)

9.5.1 The report on the Earthcarers Volunteer Coordinator Programme dated 16 July 2008 be noted.

Motion Carried 5/0

9.7 Earth Carer’s Future Strategic Plan 2006-2009

Report submitted by Earthcarer Co-ordinator	
Dated: 16 July 2008	File No: 4.1.5
The report provided the progress on the Strategic Plan 2006-2009.	

Moved (Cr Strzina/Cr Kelly)

9.7.1 The Earth Carer Coordinator’s report on the progress of the Future Directions Plan 2006/2009 dated 16 July 2008 be noted.

Motion Carried 5/0

9 STAFF REPORTS

9.1 Financial Statements Reports for the Period Ended 31 May 2008 and 30 June 2008

Report submitted by Coordinator Accounting Services	
Dated: 10 July 2008	File No: 2.6
The report provided bi-monthly detail of the Western Metropolitan Regional Council’s finances.	

Amendment to Recommendation:

Reason: The Members requested that the Administration write to all clients of the Western Metropolitan Regional Council requesting prompt attention to payment of accounts. An additional recommendation was added to reflect this.

Moved (Cr Strzina/Cr Kavanagh)

- 9.1.1 The Financial Statements for the period ended 31 May 2008 and 30 June 2008 be noted.
- 9.1.2 An amount of \$25,000 be transferred from the Future Development Reserve as at 30 June 2008 to cover the estimated cost associated with a long service leave absence during the 2007/2008 year.
- 9.1.3 An amount of \$19,543.26 be transferred from the Plant / Infrastructure Reserve as at 30 June 2008 to cover the cost of major unbudgeted repairs to plant during the 2007/2008 year.
- 9.1.4 The \$100,000 transferred from the Sustainability Reserve during the 2007/2008 year be retained in general revenue as at 30 June 2008 and returned to the Sustainability Reserve on or before 30 June 2009.
- 9.1.5 The Chief Executive Officer be authorised to transfer if required an amount of up to \$80,000 from the Sustainability Reserve to general revenue to cover short term cash flow commitments. This amount to be returned to the Sustainability Reserve on or before 30 June 2009.
- 9.1.6 Administration write to all clients requesting prompt attention to payment of accounts.

Motion Carried 5/0

Members considered that the Draft – Strategic Waste Management Plan Item 9.15 should be brought forward to enable discussion on the Report contents.

Moved (Cr Kavanagh/Cr Kelly)

Motion Carried 5/0

9.15 Draft – Strategic Waste Management Plan

Report submitted by Operations Manager	
Dated: 31 July 2008	File: 4.1.6
The report informed Members of the Draft Systemic Sustainability Study.	

Amendment to Recommendation:

Reason: The Members felt that a workshop to consider the implications of the tabled draft Strategic Waste Management Plan is required. The recommendations were changed to reflect this.

Moved (Cr Strzina/Cr Jacobsen)

- 9.15.1 The draft Strategic Waste Management Plan as prepared by Bowman and Associates on behalf of the Regional Council be received, and
- 9.15.2 A workshop be convened in September 2008 to consider the tabled draft Strategic Waste Management Plan.
- 9.15.3 Following the workshop in September 2008 a revised draft Strategic Waste Management Plan be submitted to the Department of Environment and Conservation.
- 9.15.4 The Administration undertake a public consultation period for the revised draft Strategic Waste Management Plan as detailed in the Operations Manager's report.

Motion Carried 5/0

Mr B Bowman left the meeting at 6.25pm

9.2 Investment Register for the Period Ended 31 May 2008 and 30 June 2008

Report submitted by Coordinator Accounting Services	
Dated: 10 July 2008	File No: 2.8
The Investment Register provided monthly details of the Western Metropolitan Regional Council's Investment Register.	

Moved (Cr Kelly/Cr Jacobsen)

- 9.2.1 The Investment Register for the period ended 31 May 2008 and 30 June 2008 be noted.

Motion Carried 5/0

9.3 Schedule of Accounts for Payment and Sundry Debtors

Report submitted by Coordinator Accounting Services.	
Dated: 10 July 2008	File No: 2.6
The report provided bi-monthly detail of accounts for payment and accounts paid by electronic funds transfer.	

Moved (Cr Kavanagh/Cr Strzina)

- 9.3.1 The payment of Municipal Fund Cheque Vouchers numbered 7291 to 7391 totalling \$571,520.27 be endorsed.
- 9.3.2 The Schedule of Accounts paid by Electronic Funds Transfer totalling \$37,887.35 be endorsed.
- 9.3.3 The Schedule of Sundry Debtors outstanding to 30 June 2008 be noted.

Motion Carried 5/0

9.4 Waste Receivals Report for the Period Ending 30 June 2008

Report submitted by Operations Manager	
Dated: 14 July 2008	File No: 2.6
The report provided detail on the waste receival statistics for the period ending 30 June 2008.	

Moved (Cr Jacobsen /Cr Strzina)

- 9.4.1 The Waste Receival Report for the period ending 30 June 2008 be noted.

Motion Carried 5/0

Ms A Paino left the Meeting at 6.32pm

9.6 Future Directions Plan 2006 - 2009

Report submitted by Chief Executive Officer	
Dated: 30 July 2008	File No: 6.1.1
The report provides the progress with the Future Directions Plan 2006 – 2009.	

Moved (Cr Jacobsen/Cr Kelly)

- 9.6.1 The Chief Executive Officer’s report on the progress of the Future Directions Plan 2006 – 2009 dated 30 July 2008 be noted.

Motion Carried 5/0

9.7 Earth Carer's Future Strategic Plan 2006-2009

Report submitted by Earthcarer Co-ordinator	
Dated: 16 July 2008	File No: 4.1.5
The report provided the progress on the Strategic Plan 2006-2009.	

Moved (Cr Strzina/Cr Kelly)

- 9.7.1 The Earth Carer Coordinator's report on the progress of the Future Directions Plan 2006/2009 dated 16 July 2008 be noted.

Motion Carried 5/0

9.8 Earth Carer's Future Strategic Plan 2008-2012

Report submitted by Earth Carer Co-ordinator (see attached)	
Dated: 16 July 2008	File No: 4.15
The report provides information on the proposed Strategic Plans for 2008-2012	

Moved (Cr Kelly/Cr Jacobsen)

- 9.8.1 The Earth Carers' Report 16 July 2008 be noted by the Regional Council.

Motion Carried 5/0

9.10 Draft Budget Report 2008/2009

Report submitted by Operations Manager	
Dated: 30 July 2008	File: 2.2
The report outlined the Draft Budget for 2008/2009.	

NOTE: ABSOLUTE MAJORITY OF COUNCIL REQUIRED

Moved (Cr Strzina/Cr Jacobsen)

- 9.10.1 The Regional Council adopts the Budget as presented for the year ending June 30, 2009.
- 9.10.2 The Regional Council authorises the Administration to impose penalty interest at a rate of 11% per annum calculated on a daily interest rate of 0.03% to be charged on amounts that are not paid within 35 days of the date of issue of invoice until the day before payment is made.
- 9.10.3 The Regional Council adopts the following fees and charges effective from 11 August 2008 and applicable until further notice:

TIPPING FEES	Current Fees GST Inclusive \$ 2007/2008	Proposed Fees GST Inclusive \$ 2008/2009	Increase \$
ALL RECEIVALS MEMBERS			
Household putrescible waste ¹	104.00/tonne	120.00/tonne	16.00
Verge pickups – mixed waste ¹	104.00/tonne	120.00/tonne	16.00
Inert waste ¹ (rubble, concrete etc)	104.00/tonne	120.00/tonne	16.00
Greenwaste ¹	46.20/tonne	52.00/tonne	5.80
NON-MEMBERS			
Household putrescible waste ¹	112.25/tonne	135.00/tonne	22.75
Verge Pickups mixed waste ¹	112.25/tonne	135.00/tonne	22.75
Inert Waste ¹ (rubble, concrete, etc)	112.25/tonne	135.00/tonne	22.75
6x4 trailers – general waste ²	36.00 each	45.00 each	9.00
Greenwaste ¹	46.20/tonne	52.00/tonne	5.80
6x4 trailers – solely greenwaste ²	22.00 each	26.00 each	4.00
TRANSFER STATION PASSES			
General Waste ²	33.00 each	40.00 each	7.00
Solely Greenwaste ²	15.00 each	18.00 each	3.00
¹ A minimum charge of \$45.00 (inclusive of GST) applies.			
² Subject to assessment			
INCIDENTAL RECEIVALS			
Tyres			
Passenger, L.T. & 4 x 4	5.00 each	5.00 each	nil
Passenger, L.T. & 4 x 4 on rim	8.00 each	8.00 each	nil
Truck	10.00 each	10.00 each	nil
Truck on rim	22.00 each	22.00 each	nil
Super Single	15.00 each	15.00 each	nil
Tractor/Grader	65.00 each	65.00 each	nil
Other sizes on application	as applicable	as applicable	nil
Asbestos per sheet, or the equivalent thereof.	6.00/sheet	7.00/sheet	1.00
LPG Gas Bottles			
Up to 8.8kg	6.00/bottle	6.00/bottle	nil

Motion Carried by Absolute Majority 5/0

9.11 Waste Supply Agreement Implementation – Status Report August 2008

Report submitted by Chief Executive Officer	
Dated: 30 July 2008	File: 4.3.8
The report advised Members on the status of the Waste Supply Agreement Implementation	

Moved (Cr Kelly/Cr Kavanagh)

- 9.11.1 The Chief Executive Officer's report dated 30 July 2008 on the Waste Supply Agreement Implementation be noted.

Motion Carried 5/0

9.12 Plan For The Future 2009-2011

Report submitted by Chief Executive Officer	
Dated: 30 July 2008	File: 6.1.1
The report outlined the Plan For The Future 2009-2011	

NOTE: ABSOLUTE MAJORITY OF COUNCIL REQUIRED

Moved (Cr Strzina/Cr Kavanagh)

- 9.12.1 The Future Plan 2009 – 2011 as shown on Attachment 1 to this report be adopted.

Motion Carried by Absolutely Majority 5/0

9.14 Systemic Sustainability Study – Regional Model Recommendation

Report submitted by Chief Executive Officer	
Dated: 30 July 2008	File: 5.13
The report outlined to the Members of the status of the Systemic Sustainability Study.	

Moved (Cr Strzina/Cr Jacobsen)

- 9.14.1 The Administration arranges for future facilitated Strategic Workshops to consider options on the Regional Model concept outlined in the Western Australian Local Government Association Systemic Sustainability Study following the release of the Final Report.

Motion Carried 5/0

Councillor P Jacobsen declared a financial interest in Item 9.16 and left the room at 7.10pm.

EXTENT OF INTEREST: FINANCIAL INTEREST - REMUNERATION OF EXPENSES

9.16 Councillor P Jacobsen Request to Attend Waste & Recycling 2008 Conference

Report submitted by Chief Executive Officer	
Dated: 31 July 2008	File: 1.1.1
The report informs Members of the request from Councillor Jacobson to attend the Waste & Recycle Conference.	

Moved (Cr Kelly/Cr Strzina)

- 9.16.1 Councillor P Jacobsen be authorised to attend as a Western Metropolitan Regional Council representative the Waste and Recycle 2008 Conference, to be held at the Esplanade Hotel Fremantle, 9-12 September 2008.

Motion Carried 4/0

Councillor P Jacobsen returned to the Meeting at 7.12pm.

9.17 Western Australian Local Government Association (WALGA) – Associate Membership

Report submitted by Chief Executive Officer	
Dated: 30 July 2008	File: 5.13
The report informed Members of the request for Associate Membership.	

Moved (Cr Kavanagh/Cr Strzina)

- 9.17.1 The Western Metropolitan Regional Council join the Western Australian Local Government Association as an Associate Member.

Motion Carried 5/0

10 NEW BUSINESS OF AN URGENT NATURE APPROVED BY THE PRESIDING MEMBER OR BY A DECISION OF THE MEETING

It was moved by Councillor Kavanagh, seconded Councillor Strzina that approval be granted for the Chairman to submit an item to the Meeting on a request for sponsorship.

Motion Carried 5/0

10.1 Request For Sponsorship

Verbal report submitted by the Chairman	
Dated: 7 August 2008	File: 1.1
The report informed Members of the request for sponsorship	

The Chairman verbally advised that further to the Waste Summit in China in April 2008 a request had been received for the Regional Council to consider 50% sponsorship of the overall costs for the attendance of Associate Professor Dr Wu of Zhejiang University China to attend the Waste & Recycle Conference in Perth WA in September 2008.

Dr Wu's area of expertise is in Municipal Waste Management Technology.

The sponsorship cost for the Regional Council is expected to be \$2,500 and the Southern Metropolitan Regional Council may sponsor the other 50% of costs.

Moved (Cr Strzina/Cr Kelly)

- 10.1.1 The Western Metropolitan Regional Council declines to provide a 50% sponsorship of costs for the attendance of the Associate Professor of Zhejiang University to attend the Waste & Recycle Conference in Perth in September 2008 but is willing to act as a host to the Professor on a tour of its operations and facilities.

Motion Carried 5/0

11 ITEMS REQUIRING CLOSURE OF MEETING TO PUBLIC.

Nil

Item 9.17 RC 08/2008

WESTERN AUSTRALIA LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION (WALGA) –
ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP
