



Notes

STRATEGIC BRIEFING

TO BE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS,
953 SOUTH COAST HIGHWAY, DENMARK, ON
TUESDAY, 17 NOVEMBER 2019, COMMENCING 1.00PM.

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

MEMBERS:

Cr Ceinwen Gearon (Shire President)
Cr Mark Allen (Deputy Shire President)
Cr Geoff Bowley
Cr Kingsley Gibson
Cr Steve Jones
Cr Jan Lewis
Cr Ian Osborne (Arrived 2:20pm)
Cr Roger Seeney

STAFF:

David Schober (Acting Chief Executive Officer)
Cary Green (Director Corporate and Community Services)
David King (Director Assets and Sustainable Development)
Claudia Simpson (Community Development Officer)
Teiga Murray (Corporate Planning Officer)

APOLOGIES:

Nil

ON LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

Cr Janine Phillips (pursuant to Council Resolution No. 011119)

ABSENT:

Nil

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

Nil

2. REPORTS & PRESENTATIONS

2.3 Outward Bound Youth Camp

Students and Staff who attended the camp gave a presentation highlighting their experiences. Students also discussed their opportunities for growth and thanked the Shire and Councillors for the opportunity.

2.4 Chai Robertson – Leadership Award

Chai was the recipient of the Shire of Denmark’s 2018 Leadership Award. Chai made a presentation to Councillors on his visit to Polyface Farm in Virginia, USA. Chai fielded questions and discussed his future agricultural pursuits.

2.5 Rail Trail Bridge Upgrade

The Director Assets & Sustainable Development provided an update on the upgrade options to the Rail Trail Bridge. A submission will be made to access funds through the Mitigation Activities Fund next financial year.

2.6 Rate Review

The Manager of Corporate Services provided an outline of the proposed rate review process including timeline, costs and projected outcomes. It was noted the timeframe is tight and might not be completed in time for the 2020 rating process. Moore Stephens (preferred supplier to conduct the review) will provide a brief and advise Council in early 2020 of the draft timeline proposed.

2.20pm *Councillor Osborne arrived.*

2.7 CEO Recruitment and Performance Review Reform

The Acting Chief Executive Officer provided an overview of the Department of Local Government’s discussion paper on proposed changes to the Act regarding CEO Recruitment and Performance Review.

Staff departed and Council discussed the recruitment process.

ACTION: CEO to arrange 4 quotes for service from Recruitment companies.

2.6 Strategic Community Plan Review

This item was deferred until January 2020.

3. GENERAL BUSINESS

Items for potential discussion at subsequent Strategic Briefing Forums, proposed for January 21, 2020

- Strategic Community Plan review
- Privacy Policy
- CEO recruitment process

4. CLOSURE

3.20pm