



Minutes

Operations Committee

22nd May 2017

4.00pm

Operations Committee	
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6	Portland STP Upgrade Report - Update
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ITEM 1: PRESENT AND APOLOGIES

PRESENT: Clr S Lesslie, Clr S Ring, Acting General Manager A Muir

APOLOGIES: Clr W McAndrew, Clr R Thompson

OFFICERS: I Stewart, R Brownlow, E Trudgett, T Nolan

ITEM 2: DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

NIL

ITEM: 3 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Previous minutes from meeting held on the 24th April 2017, were presented to Council on the 8th May 2017.

ITEM 4: BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

NIL

ITEM: 5 COUNCIL TREE PLANTINGS – CENTRE MEDIAN – GREAT WESTERN HIGHWAY

SUMMARY

Councilor McAndrew has enquired as to the maintenance responsibilities for those trees planted by Council several years ago in the high speed zone between Lithgow West and Marrangaroo. It is understood that whilst maintenance of the Centre median in the high speed zone would normally be an RMS responsibility, these trees were planted as a Council initiative and consequently RMS have declined to maintain the area. Significant safety problems have to be addressed for Council maintenance to occur. This also have ongoing cost implications.

COMMENTARY

Concern was expressed regarding staff health and safety when performing work on the median due to the requirement of closing lanes in the high speed zone and how frequently this has to be done for maintenance upkeep.

It was questioned whether there were other alternatives such as the weed-spraying contractor undertaking the maintenance when performing his duties in this area. T Nolan advised that the contractor would be reluctant to do so.

It was suggested that a formalization of request be made to a higher authority for RMS to carry out ongoing maintenance

ATTACHEMENTS

NIL

ACTION

THAT a formal request be made to Roads and Maritime Services to accept responsibility for ongoing maintenance of the median in the high speed zone on Great Western Highway, Lithgow.

MOVED: Clr S Lesslie

SECONDED: Clr R Thompson

ITEM: 6 PORTLAND SEWER TREATMENT PLANT UPGRADE REPORT - UPDATE

SUMMARY

The upgrade of the Portland Sewerage treatment plant is progressing on schedule. With a possible delay due to power upgrade approvals sought from endeavor energy.

This project is being undertaken in two stages. Stage one included the removal of 1 existing trickling filter and site storage shed to allow for the construction of the new works. The new works will need to be partially completed before the existing facilities can be demolished to allow for the completion of stage two works. Stage 1 includes Inlet works, IDEA treatment facilities, Chemical Dosing, UV Treatment, Onsite Re use, Electrical Switch room, Amenities building and temporary sludge storage. Stage 2 includes demolition of existing works, Sludge storage facilities, dewatering hardstand, site access road and landscaping.

The Contractors, Gongues Constructions have been progressing the upgrade works on schedule which has been a significant achievement given the inclement weather faced in the first 3 months of the project.

The works to date include the completion of Inlet Works, Civil, Mechanical & Electrical installations, IDEA reactor Civil, Structural, Mechanical & Electrical works, Chemical Dosing Civil, Mechanical & Electrical works, Onsite services including Potable & Re use water mains, Sewerage pipework, Storm water lines, Onsite Waste Water Return Pump Station, Electrical switch room building, Amenities blocks/ Site office, And stage 1 roadworks.

Ongoing works include site electrical services, UV treatment system installation, On-site Re-use system installation, Fit out of Amenities building & roadworks and retaining wall structures.

On Thursday 11th May an onsite inspection of the construction works was undertaken with NSW Department of Primary Industries Regional Inspector and Council Officers. There were no major concerns raised with the design or works completed to date. There were suggestions made in relation to some operational issues could be rectified prior to commissioning. These comments will be forwarded to council in an inspection report and raised with NSW Public Works.

COMMENTARY

R Brownlow advised that Council is currently awaiting electrical design drawings. It was mentioned that the work completed by onsite contractors was satisfactory and that it is projected to come in under budget.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council note the status of the Portland Sewerage Treatment Plant Upgrade.

MOVED: Clr S Lesslie

SECONDED: Clr S Ring

ITEM: 7 MAIN STREET LITHGOW – ELECTRICITY INFRASTRUCTURE UPGRADES AND RESTORATIONS

SUMMARY

Endeavour Energy undertook major electrical network upgrades in Main Street, Lithgow. Endeavour Energy are currently seeking independent engineering advice to help determine possible causes and an appropriate resolution in relation with some current subsidence and inconsistencies with the restoration work.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Letter from Endeavour Energy regarding Upgrade and Restorations

COMMENTARY

It was advised that inspections on the footpath were undertaken recently to identify the scope of the problems.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council note and follow up report to be submitted following action to reinstate the damage to the footpath between Bridge Street and Eskbank Street, Lithgow.

MOVED: Clr S Ring

SECONDED: Clr S Lesslie

ITEM: 8 WATER NSW OPERATING LICENSE

SUMMARY

Council's operating license with Sydney Catchment Authority will expire at the end of June 2017. This is due to the former SCA being amalgamated with the former State Water Corporation to form Water NSW. As per the Water NSW Act 2014, IPART has undertaken a license review for the new WaterNSW which has changed the operating conditions for the Fish River Water Supply scheme.

Council is currently a member of the Fish River Customer Council which will cease once the WaterNSW operating license takes effect on 1 July 2017.

COMMENTARY

It was discussed that Council will be eligible to apply for a seat on the Greater Metropolitan Customer Advisory Group, Council has made a nomination for the Water & Waste Water Manager to hold a position on this Customer Advisory Group. It was then discussed that reports regarding the pricing determination for 2017-2020 period will be brought to the committee when handed down.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council keep developments in regard to this matter under review.

MOVED: Clr S Ring

SECONDED: Clr S Lesslie

ITEM: 9 GENERAL BUSINESS

1. CASTLEREAGH HIGHWAY, PEARSONS LOOKOUT UPGRADE

COMMENTARY

It was advised that RMS will be undertaking stability work to alleviate the dangerous condition of Pearsons Lookout slope.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Consultation regarding the proposed upgrade of Castlereagh Highway, Pearsons Lookout.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council notify Roads and Maritime Services it has no objections to the proposal.

MOVED: Clr S Lesslie

SECONDED: AGM A Muir

2. REPLACEMENT OF BOUNCING PILLOW – JM ROBSON AQUATIC CENTRE

COMMENTARY

Pool staff are currently investigating options for the replacement of the bouncing pillow at the JM Robson Aquatic Centre.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT a report be submitted outlining the replacement options

MOVED: Clr S Lesslie

SECONDED: AGM A Muir

ITEM 10: NEXT MEETING

Next Meeting: 4.00pm on Monday, 26th June 2017
Committee Room, Administration Building,
180 Mort Street LITHGOW NSW 2790

MOVED: Clr S Lesslie

SECONDED: AGM A Muir

There being no further business the meeting closed at 4:43pm

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