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State Election - March 1999

With the State Election due for March 1999 I consider it timely that the Council seek from both the major parties their commitment to ongoing works in the Hawkesbury. In this regard I refer specifically to:

1. continued funding for the Windsor Road upgrading and Windsor bypass
2. construction of the Freemans Reach/Glossodia/Wilberforce sewerage system
3. maintaining funding for construction of the flood evacuation routes
4. upgrading of the Blacktown Road/George Street intersection
5. construction of additional commuter parking at Windsor Station
6. development of a rail/bus interchange and parking at Richmond Station
7. improving train travel times on the Richmond line

All these matters are of strategic importance to the economic well being and ongoing development of the Hawkesbury area and I consider that the Council should write to both local Members, the Premier and the Leader of the Opposition seeking a clear indication of their commitment to the projects/works and their financing so that this can be made available to the local community in the run-up to the March 1999 State Election.

I recommend that Council make representation to the Premier, Leader of the Opposition and local Members seeking their position/undertakings in the above matters.

Councillor Rex Stubbs
Mayor
City of Hawkesbury

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ITEM: 89**Naming of Access Way****FILE NUMBER:**

P2343/1630, GR120/003/GMA/ORK10LAX.G23

REPORT:

Representations have been received to name the access way from March Street to the car park at the rear of the former Richmond Nursing Home, the Orange Grove Mall and the Presbyterian Church. The basis of the request is that this access way leads to premises in buildings that do not have direct access to one of the surrounding public roads (March, West Market and Windsor Streets). It would therefore be useful for these premises to have an address to a named public area.

The land is in the freehold ownership of the Council and may, at some future time, be the subject of change as the town develops. There is no known proposal existing at this time nor is one expected, however, the Council should advise any owners of the area of that position.

The Hawkesbury Historical Society has been consulted in the matter and suggested a number of names for use in the Richmond area for this proposal and others in the future. The suggested name is "*Musson Lane*". Mr C T Musson was a lecturer at Hawkesbury Agricultural College, the first President of Richmond Golf Club, with that Club being the oldest in the State still on its original site. It is understood he was also Club champion for a number of years.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the access way to the Orange Grove Mall Car park from March Street be named "*Musson Lane*."

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

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ITEM: 90 Fire Districts - Alterations**FILE NUMBER:** GF010/034 PT03/GMA/ORK10LAX.G25

REPORT:

There have recently been discussions between the Fire Control Officer of the Council and the Zone Commander for the NSW Fire Brigades regarding the relevance of the current New South Wales and Hawkesbury Rural Fire Service boundaries.

There is a Memorandum of Understanding between the two fire services that provides for co-operative fire fighting in both areas and this has occurred very satisfactorily to date with the most recent example being the large scale operation that occurred at the Wilberforce Industrial Area where there were numerous members of both organisations in existence and a good level of co-operation.

The Hawkesbury Local Government area is served by NSW Fire Brigade units at Windsor and Richmond and then 21 Rural Fire Service Brigades throughout the rest of the City area.

A map indicating the areas will be available to the meeting.

In general terms it is proposed that the NSW Fire Brigade have responsibility for the urban areas of Windsor, South Windsor, Bligh Park, Windsor Downs, McGraths Hill, Richmond, Hobartville, North Richmond and Agnes Banks, the main building area of the University of Western Sydney, Hawkesbury and the adjoining college of TAFE, Clarendon, RAAF Base (where they are required to assist the Defence Force Units), Richmond and Cornwallis Lowlands and the industrial area of Vineyard between the railway line and Windsor Road. To be added to the responsibility of the Rural Fire Service, is the town of Pitt Town and the surrounding rural area, the Eastern Creek, South Creek floodplain, Windsor Downs Nature Reserve, the bushland grazing area of the University of Western Sydney, Hawkesbury along The Driftway frontage and the Agnes Banks Lowlands. The changes proposed are as a result of a fire fighting operational assessment providing the best response to the areas involved and on no other basis. It is unlikely, given the Memorandum of Understanding of co-operative fire fighting that exists, that there would be any significant change in the costs to Council as a result of these proposed arrangements. That is the NSW Fire Brigade would still be called to assist with structural fires in the Rural Fire Service District and the Rural Fire Service Brigades would be called to assist in bushfire fighting operations in the NSW Fire Brigade district.

RECOMMENDATION:

Council concur with the proposed changes to the New South Wales and Rural Fire Service Brigade fire fighting districts.

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ATTACHMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

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ITEM: 91 Road Safety Officer Funding**FILE NUMBER:** GG025/001/ENG/ORK10LBX.E22

REPORT:

The State Government has announced future funding for the Road Safety Officer Program until the year 2010. Accordingly the Roads & Traffic Authority in support of this program has advised that the contribution to the program has been increased from \$30,000 (thirty thousand) to \$35,000 (thirty five thousand) per annum.

Council at its Ordinary Meeting of 13 August 1996 resolved that the ongoing Road Safety Program, including the position of Road Safety Officer, within the Council structure be endorsed until the year 2000, with a further review of the program subject to RTA recommendations.

The current Road Safety Officer has unfortunately had to retire due to ill health and on the basis of the State Government support for the program, it is proposed to advertise the Road Safety Officer's position with continuity of that position being subject to continued support from the State Government.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Road Safety Program, including the position of Road Safety Officer, within the Council structure be endorsed while funding is provided from the State Government to the current level.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

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Minutes of Hawkesbury Local Economic Development Board - 2 October, 1998

Held at Hawkesbury Council Chambers

Present: Councillor L Allan (Chairperson), Councillor R Calvert, Mr R Tolson, Mr B Seldon, Group Captain C Richards and Mr P Rasmussen.

Also Present: Mr G Banting and Mr C Dalli

Apologies: Ms D Hewetson, Mr S Benfield and Mr R Jones

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 4 September, 1998, were confirmed.

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Commuter Airport Proposal

The draft report on the proposal to establish a Civil Terminal and associated facilities at Richmond RAAF Base was tabled and discussed at the meeting.

As a result, it was decided to proceed with the proposal by initially seeking a consultant to develop the concept plan further to incorporate investigations on the demand for such a facility, the needs of any potential operators, the type and capacity of aircraft, numbers of flight movements, noise issues and a more quantitative assessment of costs associated with the project.

A consultants brief is to be prepared and forwarded to selected consultancies with experience in this region and particularly with airport proposals, with a view to respondents meeting with the Board to discuss their suggested methodologies and to have an understanding of the Board's position with the project. It was decided that the \$15,000 allocated towards promoting the upgrade of Windsor Road be reallocated to this project.

It was further intended that on completion of a consultants report, the document be utilised in the marketing of this project to the community, Council and any interested organisations and also be used as a basis for a funding application for a comprehensive feasibility study and business plan.

It was also agreed that support for the project should also be sought from the North Western Sydney Regional Development Organisation and GROW North Western Sydney.

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2. Proposed Upgrade of Windsor Road

Discussion took place in regard to the recent announcement on the upgrade of Windsor and Old Windsor Roads and it was agreed that the Board continue to monitor developments with the proposal to provide an alternative flood free access to Windsor and to continue to lobby for the upgrade of Old Windsor/Windsor Road and as well as the Blacktown/Richmond Road.

3. Proposed Commerce, Development and Visitors Board

In the absence of the Tourism and Chambers of Commerce representatives at the meeting, no further information was provided on the status of discussions between those organisations in regard to developing a workable and effective structure.

Concerns were expressed that there are a number of events held within the area which the Board, Tourism Hawkesbury and the Chambers of Commerce are not aware and subsequently there are missed opportunities for the local business community and in particular the hospitality industry in capitalising on these events. It was noted that this issue should be addressed in line with on-going discussions over the proposed Commerce, Development and Visitors Board and in particular, investigation should be carried out into engaging an events liaison officer or the like to contact event organisers and link them with local businesses.

4. Team West - Greater Western Sydney Regional Agenda

It was reported that the 1998 Greater Western Sydney Regional Agenda developed by Team West is currently under review and Board members have been provided copies of existing priorities and the status of these matters.

Team West will be holding a conference early in November to review and update the Regional Agenda and Board members are encouraged to review the existing agenda and forward any comments to the Executive Officer by no later than Friday 16 October, 1998. The comments will subsequently be forwarded to Team West in time for consideration in conjunction with their review of the existing Regional Agenda.

5. Hawkesbury Local Economic Development Board 1998/99 Priorities - Status Report

The information contained within the Priorities Status Report was received and noted.

In relation to access to water for agriculture/horticulture purposes it was reported that no response has been received from the Minister for Agriculture in relation to representations made to him concerning this issue. It was pointed out that the moratorium on reporting unlicensed pumping from the river expired at the end of July and it is understood that the Department of Land and Water Conservation has been inundated with applications and hence this may have delayed any determination of the issue. A discussion paper titled "Water Sharing in NSW - Access and Use" published by the NSW Department of Land and Water Conservation (April 1998), was tabled at the meeting. It was subsequently resolved that a response be prepared for the discussion paper and it is noted that comments are due by 31 October, 1998.

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6. 1999 Sydney Royal Easter Show

In respect of the bid to be the guest region at the 1999 Sydney Royal Easter Show, it was reported that the bid compiled in conjunction with North Western Sydney Regional Development Organisation was unsuccessful.

7. Greater Western Sydney Tourism

Correspondence from Greater Western Sydney Tourism Inc inviting the Council/Hawkesbury Local Economic Development Board to become a member of their organisation was tabled at the meeting.

It was pointed out that the annual membership fee is \$2,000 and it was decided not to join their organisation due to the Board's limited budget and the precedent it has set in deciding not to join industry associations such as Greater Western Sydney Chamber of Commerce and Asia Business Connection.

8. Hawkesbury District Health Service

Correspondence was received from the Hawkesbury District Health Service Community Board of Advice, requesting support from the Board to purchase an ambulance was tabled at the meeting.

It was noted that the Community Board of Advice is seeking support to acquire the ambulance to transport patients to other facilities for tests, referral to specialists or to be accommodated in other facilities or homes. It was subsequently acknowledged that funding for these types of projects is not within the Board's scope.

9. Commercialisation Opportunities Associated with RAAF Richmond

One of the medium priorities of the Board is to make the business community aware of commercialisation opportunities associated with RAAF Richmond.

Correspondence was tabled from the Department of Defence Commercial Support Program in response to a letter from the Board advising of our interest in making contact with Defences Commercial Support Program contractors. It was subsequently decided to contact the prime contractors and potential prime contractors, and make them aware of the presence of the Board and offer our assistance in developing links for them with potential local sub-contractors or employees, training institutions, and links with the Chamber of Commerce.

10. Attracting Businesses to the Hawkesbury

It was reported that a company currently located at Baulkham Hills and considering relocating to the Hawkesbury area had not received a positive response on their initial enquiries. The company in question was looking for an area of about 40-60 acres and intended developing a 8,000m² facility employing about 250 people within that site.

It was resolved to make an approach to that company and offer the Board's support and assistance in seeking relocation to the area.

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It was pointed out that awareness sessions have been initiated with Council's Environment and Development Staff with the purpose being to outline their implied role in the sustainable economic and employment growth of the area and the benefits and opportunities growth creates.

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There being no further business the meeting concluded at 10.30am and the next meeting of the Board will be held on Friday 6 November, 1998 at the Council Chambers commencing at 8.00am.

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